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US threatens air strikes as Srebrenica fears final hours

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND ADAM LEBOR IN VITEZ

AS THE White House said last night that it was considering all options to halt Serb aggression, including bombing Serbian targets, the Bosnian army made a desperate last-minute appeal for immediate UN armed protection of Srebrenica.

At the same time, the United Nations annnounced that Canadian troops would enter the besieged Muslim town today after an agreement with the Serbs. The UN said it had plans to evacuate 34,000 refugees to Muslim-held Tuzla.

The Clinton administration told Moscow that it would support an immediate tightening of UN sanctions against the Serbs if Srebrenica fell, even though that might weaken President Yeltsin before Russia's critical referendum a week tomorrow.

George Stephanopoulos, the White House spokesman, said that Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had expressed America's outrage and distress at what was happening to Srebrenica and said that it would be "intolerable for us to stand aside" if the town fell or surrendered.

Lord Owen, the European Community mediator, said the Serbs would have to withdraw from the town. "It's got to be reversed," he said. "There is no question about the fact that Srebrenica is a Muslim town, the areas around it are Muslim, and the Bosnian Serbs are going to have to withdraw from that. They were going to have to withdraw under our plan; they would have to withdraw even more now because they have taken it.

"Remember that Dr [Radovan] Karadzic [the Bosnian Serb leader] has said to us personally, repeatedly, as recently as a few weeks ago, that he has no intention of taking Srebrenica. Now these people have got to be confronted with the resolute will of the world community. The first step is economic sanctions, but economic sanctions alone will not stop this type of military advance."

Lord Owen told ITN that air strikes had been difficult during the winter months. "Now that the winter is coming to a close, we could — it would be a heavy price, but we could — contemplate sacrificing the humanitarian effort, or at least weakening it, in order to take firmer action to stop the aggression."

Action from the air would tilt the balance, he said. "It was very difficult to tilt the balance when you did not have the other two sides signed up to an agreement, but now that the Muslims and Croats are signed up to an agreement, and the UN supports that agreement, you would effectively be using military power in order to keep peace, you would be using it to get a settlement, and I think that is a legitimate use of force under the UN Charter."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, made plain that the government was not ruling out air strikes, but again indicated its doubts about their use.

In central Bosnia, heavy clashes erupted yesterday between nominally allied Croat and Muslim forces in Vitez, where hundreds of British troops are based. The fighting spread across central and southwest Bosnia, closing relief corridors and arms supply lines to the mainly Muslim Bosnian army.

The Bosnian army appealed yesterday for UN troops to be deployed along Bosnia's border with Serbia to protect Srebrenica. "We appeal to you in the most desperate way for intervention of any kind to protect a people who are threatened with extinction and catastrophe," Colonel Stjepan Siber, deputy commander of the army of Bosnia-Herzegovina, said in an open letter to Lord Owen, Cyrus Vance, the UN mediator, and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general.

There were conflicting reports last night about how far the Serbs were from the centre of Srebrenica. A radio ham in the town said the offensive was "unrelenting". He added: "I don't know how much longer we can resist." It was impossible to get outside to retrieve air-dropped food, he added.

Other reports spoke of the Serb advance being halted about half a mile from the town. There was even a claim that the Muslims had succeeded in pushing back an attack.

Dr Karadzic said: "We do not want to enter Srebrenica. Rather we want to pacify it, which means that the defenders must surrender and hand over their arms. Then we shall treat them as civilians." One observer said that, given the history of massacres, such a guarantee would be unlikely to persuade the Muslim defenders of the embattled town to accept the offer.

In central Bosnia, plumes of smoke curled over Vitez from burning houses as the Bosnian army and the HVO, the Croat defence council, exchanged barrages of rockets, mortars and small arms fire.

The strategic town of Jablanica was also heavily shelled, reportedly by Bosnian Croat forces. Jablanica is a vital staging post on the supply routes for relief convoys into central Bosnia. Fighting was also reported in Konjic, north of Jablanica. The clashes began after a deadline that the HVO sought to impose on Thursday for the Bosnian army to subordinate itself to HVO command in areas designated as Croat under the Vance-Owen peace plan. Between 600 and 800 British UN troops are based in Vitez. They were confined to base with only armoured vehicles being allowed out, although British troops did not seem to be targeted.

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Attackers and attacked: a Bosnian Serb mortar is fired from the Srebrenica front line; and right, refugees from the town arriving in Tuzla

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Railway standstill keeps thousands at home

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TENS of thousands of commuters again stayed away from work during yesterday's 24-hour rail strike as union leaders prepared to meet on Monday to decide whether to step up the action.

Although Britain's 11,000-mile rail network was at a standstill, roads in many areas were far less busy than normal with people still taking their Easter break. The AA said the strike, the second on a Friday, had turned out to be another "good" day for drivers. The RAC said conditions for road commuters were "paradise".

An RAC spokesman said: "Once again, commuters have decided that a day at home is more appealing that a struggle to the office."

In London, where special parking facilities had been made available, thousands of the 380,000 who usually commute into the capital by rail treated the 24-hour stoppage as an opportunity to enjoy a long weeked. Many of them worked from home.

Jimmy Knapp, leader of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union, (RMT), is expected to face calls at a union executive meeting on Monday to increase pressure on British Rail over the demand for a guarantee against compulsory redundancies and greater use of contractors. Some members of the executive are furious over BR's decision to withdraw the system by which union dues are automatically collected from wage packets.

Mr Knapp is likely to oppose any move for an all-out strike, for fear of alienating the public. Yesterday he called on Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, to "stop wasting time" and hold four days of talks to resolve the dispute.

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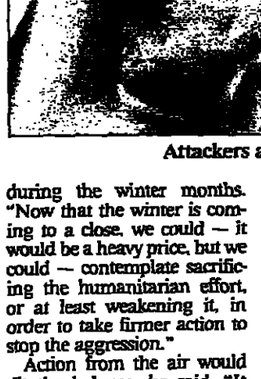
Labour joins clamour for tougher action



Smith: seeking a UN ultimatum to Serbs

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government was under mounting pressure to change its stance on the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina last night after the United States indicated that it was moving towards tougher action and the first crack appeared in the domestic bipartisan approach.

For the first time John Smith made it plain that Labour would support United Nations air strikes against the Bosnian Serb forces. In a statement last night after consultations with senior aides, he suggested an ultimatum to the Serbs: agree to a ceasefire or face air strikes on key lines of supply and communication.

This put Labour in line with Lord Owen, the UN peace envoy, who had earlier called for military action to stop attacks on other towns.

Mr Smith's statement marked an important shift in Labour's position and followed strong criticism from within his own ranks that the party had been too cautious. There was also open left-wing backing yesterday for Baroness Thatcher's call to arms. Leadership sources made it plain that the stronger stance had been prompted by the events in Srebrenica.

It left the government in danger of looking isolated. "We need to be clear how air strikes would help," Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said.

Mr Hurd made it clear, however, that Britain wanted to intensify sanctions against the Serbs to reach the level of a blockade. He said the government was proposing the appointment of an international "heavyweight" figure to ensure that the sanctions had the toughest effect possible. Lord Owen said that economic sanctions alone would not be enough to stop the sort of advance that had occurred at Srebrenica, and that bombing of supply routes might be needed.

"If they are hell-bent on taking other towns, then we will have to meet this assault on Muslim towns with military action, and I have long believed the right way to do that is to interdict supplies

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Group 4 loses seventh prisoner

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A SEVENTH prisoner in the custody of Group 4 escaped yesterday causing further embarrassment to the government which had claimed that the company's service had improved substantially.

The escape came less than 24 hours after police had to provide an escort for a Group 4 van on the outskirts of Hull after abusive prisoners threatend to break out of the vehicle by kicking doors and rocking it. When the van arrived at Moorlands young offenders institution near Doncaster, inmates were trapped in the vehicle after damaging its lock. Prison officers used crowbars to release them.

As urgent reports on the latest escape were sent to senior officials in the prison service, Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said: "This comedy of errors must be brought to an end forthwith."

Terence Hyman, 29, fled from Sheffield magistrates' court yesterday after a struggle with Group 4 custody officers in which one man received facial injuries.

Hyman had been sentenced to 14 days for non-payment of fines totalling £422 98p. He was not in custody before the hearing but after he had been sentenced he tried to escape through a door, according to Group 4, and efforts were made to restrain him with handcuffs.

The court clerk urged Hyman to behave but he took no notice, said Group 4. "He ignored the remarks and a struggle took place. The struggle continued into the public area and out into the street". One of the two officers was injured before Hyman ran off.

Inflation rises as shops pass on higher costs

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

INFLATION inched higher last month as shops reacted to growing signs of recovery by passing on higher prices to their customers.

The figures suggest that the lowest point of inflation has now been passed. The Central Statistical Office reported that the annual rate of headline inflation rose to 1.9 per cent in March, compared with 1.7 per cent in January, and underlying inflation, the measure targeted by the government, edged to 3.5 per cent from its trough in January of 3.4 per cent.

Last month's figures show that, for the first time, there was a discernible effect on prices as retailers passed on higher costs since sterling's depreciation led to higher import prices. Clothing was more expensive as companies took advantage of increased demand to rebuild profits.

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'Fire attack' boys lied, police say

A boy who suffered serious burns from lighter fuel made up a story about being attacked because he thought he would get into trouble for playing with matches, police said yesterday. Derek Cripps, 7, of south-west London, was still recovering in hospital last night. He started a police manhunt by telling officers that he was playing with his friend Paul Guglieri, 8, in King George's Park, Wandsworth, on Wednesday when he was grabbed by a black man who sprayed fuel on his face and set it alight.

The boys' lie was uncovered when people who had seen them playing with fuel and matches rang police after seeing reports of the boys' claim. Det Supt Roland Heming said: "The boys have ended up in a lot more trouble now. Their parents are furious." A hospital spokesman said Derek should make a full recovery. Police are to take no action.

Cattle cause concern

Keith Meldrum, the government's chief veterinary officer, is to visit the Czech Republic amid concern at imported East European cattle that may be carriers of foot-and-mouth disease while not showing the symptoms. About 840 cattle are thought to have come here from Eastern Europe since last August. Blood tests show that at least 230 have foot-and-mouth antibodies as a result of vaccination. Treated animals cannot be legally imported because of the danger that they might transmit the disease to unprotected cattle.

Delay for post sell-off

Privatisation of the Post Office is expected to be delayed for at least a year because of pressure on the government's legislative timetable. No decision has yet been taken but when the cabinet draws up outline plans next week for the next parliamentary programme it is expected to include privatisation of British Coal, but not the Post Office. There is still no agreement on whether it should be disposed of as a single business or broken into three — the Royal Mail, Post Office Counters and Parcelforce.

Firemen revive parrot

Firemen saved the life of a 50-year-old Heavenly Blue parrot by giving it oxygen from breathing apparatus after finding it unconscious in its cage early yesterday. Its owners had fled a fire in their home in Horsham, West Sussex. "It was a very inert parrot when we found it," a fire brigade spokesman said.

TV firm investigated

The Independent Television Commission is to investigate allegations that Tyne Tees Television is in breach of its franchise commitments. The move comes after a complaint from the shadow heritage secretary Ann Clwyd, right, that Tyne Tees was in danger of abandoning its commitment to regional programme making in the wake of its merger with Yorkshire Television last year.

Army tests new kit

Trials begin later this year of a new clothing system for the British army. More than 2,000 troops will test the kit, which will be phased in from 1995, in all conditions. They will have a series of specially designed layers of clothing, similar to items they already buy for themselves, rather than the traditional shirt, pullover and combat suit.

Powerboat driver dies

John Hill, of Cheltenham, a leading Formula One powerboat driver, died yesterday when his boat overturned as he was competing in a world championship race off Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates. There was no other boat near his at the time and the water was calm. Hill, 59, won the world championship three times.

British Rail guest in splendid isolation

SIMON WALKER

At your service: Moira Bridger, the only passenger to take up BR's offer of free overnight accommodation, was waited on by staff

Labour's new policy on Bosnia follows crisis of confidence

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith last night toughened Labour's stance on the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina with a proposal that the United Nations threaten the Serbian aggressors with air strikes.

The Labour leader said the UN should meet immediately to intensify economic and military sanctions. But it should also issue an ultimatum to the Serbian forces telling them that unless there was an immediate ceasefire and the killing of Muslims was halted, the UN would begin air strikes on supply and communication lines. "Such actions must be punitive if they are to be effective," Mr Smith said.

The new Labour stance, drawn up after urgent discussions yesterday between Mr Smith, Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, and David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, came on the day that party misgivings surfaced over the leadership's cautious line. But it was clear that the change had been prompted by the deepening crisis in Srebrenica.

An influential group of 17 Labour MPs, including several Smith loyalists, supported the use of ground troops to protect civilians, and the left-wing journal *Tribune* openly backed Baroness Thatcher's call for a firmer response.

Tribune said Labour's response to the conflict was "miserably inadequate", and it accused Dr Cunningham of "appeasing the appeasers" and failing to offer more than trifling criticisms of the government's "craven" policy.

Mr Smith's statement last night was the first time that Labour had associated itself with air strikes. It fell a long way short of the demands of the MPs, but was clearly designed to distinguish Labour's stance from that of the government.

The Labour worries were voiced by MPs from all sides of the party. In a joint statement they said that military intervention confined to humanitarian aid bordered on hypocrisy "when the children we feed are subsequently decapitated by Serbian shells".

They went on: "The time has come to use military force to end the systematic assaults upon Srebrenica and other civilian populations in Bosnia. Serbian territorial aggression must be checked and the ethnic cleansing stopped. If this can be achieved by the threat or use of air power alone that would be preferable, but if it requires active engagement of troops on the ground we believe the crisis in Bosnia merits that scale of commitment."

The Labour leadership said the MPs were entitled to express their views, but the statement was not party policy. "They are asking us to contemplate full-scale military action. This is not our stance."

One of the statement's signatories, Malcolm Wicks, MP for Croydon North West, said: "Margaret Thatcher is right, and many of us have been saying that for a long time in the Labour party. It is about time the West saved this situation. This is the most urgent situation imaginable and we need decisive action."

Mr Wicks described the Serbian aggression as being "about the scale of the slaughter and atrocities which are comparable to the Nazi atrocities of the 1930s and 1940s".

The MPs' statement added: "The government's hand-wringing now smacks of appeasement. Sanctions alone will take too long to be effective."

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Unions ponder their next move after second Friday strike

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ter, in which they traded insults, both men appear to hold each other in contempt.

Paul Watkinson, BR's group personnel director, is confident a compromise can be reached over compulsory redundancies but the union's demand for a moratorium on contracting out work is much trickier.

Mr Watkinson has conceded that if there is no breakthrough, BR lawyers may be asked to see whether they have any means of forcing the union members back to work. However, any legal move against the RMT would be likely to be ruled out as the strike followed a legal ballot and falls into the category of a legitimate trade dispute.

Talks between Aslef and BR negotiators, which resume on Monday, have been described as "hopeful" and legal action, which might jeopardise that progress, is not at present being contemplated.

Yesterday British Coal and the National Union of Mineworkers disagreed over the effectiveness of the second 24-hour strike by miners. British Coal claimed that this time more union members had reported for work and that coal was produced at 20 of the 40 operational pits. Ken Capstick, vice-president of the Yorkshire NUM, accused British Coal of peddling "propaganda" by claiming essential safety work at pits constituted coal production.

☐ Doing Trying to butter up disgruntled passengers, British Rail laid on a special sleeper service at Paddington last night and on Thursday (*Nicholas Watt writes*). Only four people booked into the "hotel on wheels", but BR did have one grateful customer.

Moira Bridger, a diabetic stranded at Paddington on Thursday night after her train to Swansea was cancelled, was given a free first-class berth. "Without the sleeper I would have been left tripping around in the dark looking for somewhere to stay which is not good for a woman," she said.

As Mrs Bridger emerged into the daylight on platform seven yesterday morning she was effusive in her praise for BR. Two guards tended to her every need: one fetched medical supplies from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and they served a full English breakfast after she went for a check up. "It was incredible," she said. "I've never been in a sleeper before."

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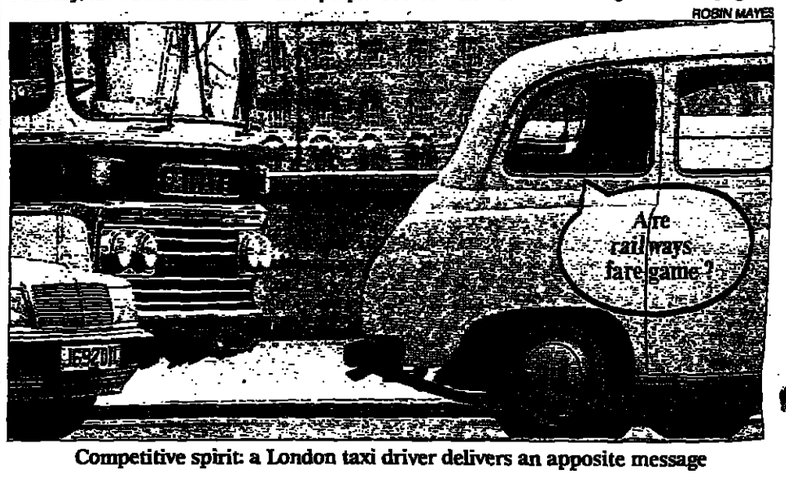
ROBIN MAYES



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Cautionary Hurd looks out of touch

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The British government is being left behind by the rapid changes in the Bosnian conflict — both by events on the ground and, equally important, by the international reaction to them.

The cautious policy of ministers is looking increasingly untenable. Not only is the Clinton administration moving towards tougher action but the bipartisan consensus in Britain against more direct intervention is breaking down. John Major and Douglas Hurd are no longer in tune with public and international opinion.

This week may turn out to have been a turning point. That is partly because of the horrific events in Srebrenica. But this has been matched by the growing sense that "something must be done", triggered by Baroness Thatcher's interviews on Tuesday, by Lord Owen's trenchant comments and by the subsequent debate in the Commons.

The initial response of both ministers and Labour leaders was to brush aside Lady Thatcher's comments as, in Malcolm Rifkind's words, "emotional nonsense".

Labour at first maintained its policy of staying close to the government, while merely calling for fresh initiatives. As *Tribune*, the left-wing weekly, argued yesterday, Labour seemed never to be advancing "more than trifling criticisms". Its editorial opened with the striking sentence: "Margaret Thatcher is right." That view has increasingly been heard from Labour members of Parliament, including several leftwingers.

Consequently, yesterday, John Smith decided, after consultations with the cautious Jack Cunningham, to toughen Labour's line, both over sanctions and in urging an immediate United Nations ultimatum threatening air strikes unless there is an immediate ceasefire.

Labour therefore looks as if it is tune with the shift in public opinion while the government appears to be lagging behind.

Douglas Hurd still sounded cautious yesterday. He did call for a stepping-up of sanctions, but he remained dubious about the impact of air strikes against the Serbs, though not ruling them out absolutely. However reasonable his worries are about the possible impact of tougher action on Boris Yeltsin ahead of the Russian referendum, to be held a week tomorrow, that approach looks out of touch with events.

More significant, the Clinton administration was last night moving rapidly towards immediate action. Much may change over the weekend in the United Nations Security Council and in discussions among the allies.

Not only has a gap opened up between Washington and London but John Major no longer has the assurance of majority backing at Westminster, even though many Tory MPs remain worried about the risks to British lives of more direct intervention. The government will almost certainly have to shift its position. Mr Major, Mr Hurd and Mr Rifkind are going to have a busy weekend.

PETER RIDDELL

Calls grow for Serb air strikes

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which are fuelling this war, by air," he told ITN. Asked if that meant bombing Bosnian Serbs was becoming more of a possibility, he said: "Interdicting the supplies for this war has become very much more of an option."

Lord Owen spoke as it was disclosed that Baroness Thatcher, who has this week stepped up her campaign for tougher action by the West, is to visit Croatia. She has accepted an invitation to receive an honorary degree from Zagreb University, although her office played down suggestions that she visit soon.

Earlier, the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown said the people of Srebrenica were paying the price for the "pathetic and appalling failure and timidity of action by the West".

As the clamour for the lifting of the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims grew, the government emphasised the problems that would be caused by such action. Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, said all humanitarian work would have to stop in Croatia and Bosnia.

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CORRECTION

In today's Weekend section the article on the NutraSweet London Marathon refers to the legend of Pheidippides's run from Marathon to Athens. It should have said it was to proclaim victory over the Persians.

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Palacio case adds to fear of athletes in contact sports contracting Aids

Champion with HIV is stripped of boxing title

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

FEARS of sportsmen contracting Aids through body contact have been revived by the case of Ruben Palacio, the Colombian boxer stripped of his world featherweight title after testing positive for HIV.

Many British sports clubs and organisations adhere closely to Health Education Authority (HEA) guidelines, which were updated last November to deal with the risks of cross infection when participants in sports such as rugby and soccer receive cuts. Most follow the HEA recommendation that there should be a single-use, disposable cloth with a bucket of clean water to treat each new incident.

Colin McMillan, the British boxer who lost the title to Palacio in September in a fight in which both boxers were cut, was relieved to hear yesterday that the challenger had tested HIV negative before their bout.

McMillan said yesterday: "I have been told that the chances of my having contracted the virus were infinitesimal. I am very relieved, because when I first heard the rumours yesterday I was shocked and so was my wife. It is something that you think can never happen and I watched a video of the fight again. There was a lot of blood about."

During the bout, McMillan was cut near his nose and the Colombian by his right eye. McMillan said: "My first thought was that I would need a test but, after taking advice, I understand there is no need for a test and my mind is now at ease."

He said that his main emotion was not relief for himself but sadness for Palacio. "He must be going through hell at the moment. He has a family of his own and I really feel for him."

This week the Colombian underwent a routine medical examination by Dr Alan Trotter, a doctor of the British Boxing Board of Control, before his scheduled title defence against John Davison in Washington, Durham, which was to have taken place tonight. He left London yesterday for Colombia, where he was due to undergo another examination.

Ed Levine, president of the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) championship committee, confirmed the HIV findings yesterday after British board officials had declined to comment and said the WBO had no choice but to strip Palacio of his title.

He said: "You have to protect the fighter from boxing so as not to endanger his opponent or the referee or, in fact, anyone else who may come in contact with him. It is very sad for the young man."

In May 1990, the medical journal *The Lancet* recorded the only known case of a sportsman probably contracting the HIV virus from a clash with a rival. A letter from Italian doctors said the virus was likely to have been passed on when one football player, who was suffering from Aids, clashed heads with another and the blood from their damaged eyebrows mingled. The second player was subsequently found to be HIV positive. British sporting bodies have been particularly careful to carry out HEA recommendations. All boxers visiting Britain have to undergo a blood test.

No rugby player is permitted to stay on the field if he is cut. In Rugby Union, the referee will order the player off the pitch to be treated and for the cut to be covered. In Rugby League, a wounded player has 15 minutes to be cleaned up off the field during which time a substitute is permitted. Rugby and football clubs have been urged to switch from communal baths to showers.

CHRIS SMITH

Ko'd: Reuben Palacio, left, has been stripped of his world featherweight title after testing HIV positive before tonight's cancelled bout

Marathon entrants beat the rail strike

By John Goodbody

ENTRANTS for the NutraSweet London Marathon easily beat the train strike yesterday to secure places in the event. Many simply ran along the streets they will be pounding tomorrow to register their names for the capital's annual sporting attraction.

By last night, more than 16,300, a record number, had checked in at Jubilee Gardens, near Westminster Bridge, the finish of the 26 mile 385 yard race. The event will be televised by BBC1 and will feature the clash between Liz McColgan, the world 10,000 metres champion from Britain, and Lisa Ondieki, of Australia, a silver medal winner at the 1988 Olympic Games, with the Briton able to earn more than £300,000 if she wins with a time under two hours and 20 minutes.

A further 10,000 runners should register today for an expected field of 26,000. Organisers estimate that the usual number of about 9,500 people out of the 35,750 acceptances will not run because of illness, injury from preparing for one of sport's greatest occasions, or because their families and friends have persuaded them they cannot complete the distance. However, by giving up their chances this year, they automatically get places for next year.

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Climbers lost in Caucasus despaired of being rescued

From Anne McElvoy in Moscow

FOUR British climbers who spent six days wandering in sub-zero temparatures in the Caucasus mountains arrived in Moscow yesterday and told how close they had been to death.

Looking thin, bedraggled and sun-burnt but unhurt, they said they had despaired of being found. The rescue service was combing the north face of Mount Elbrus while they, due to a mistake by their guide, had descended the remote southern face. They fly back to Britain today.

Speaking on behalf of the group, John Milledge, 28, a doctor from Sheffield, said they had begun to give up hope of being found after four days spent vainly trying to get out of the uninhabited snow-swept mountain range.

"We saw one helicopter but it flew straight on. We felt sure then that they thought we were dead and had stopped the search. It was the lowest point," he said.

The men vowed to keep moving but Dr Milledge admitted: "There were times for every one of us when we feared that we would not get out of this. It was an unspoken rule not to talk about it as a group. At the most we admitted it to one or two others singly."

Dr Milledge, Kenneth White, 42, a civil servant from Dumbarton, Myles Plant, 42, of Lincoln, and Thomas Keeley, 27, a computer engineer from Manchester, travelled with the Nuneaton specialist holiday firm High Adventure and set off to climb the 18,000-foot Elbrus.

They lost contact with their base camp in blizzards on Sunday afternoon when they were close to the summit. They struggled in temperatures as low as -30C to get beneath the snow-line before nightfall and tried to follow a river gorge out of the mountains without success.

The party had taken supplies intended only for a ten-hour expedition and survived the last 72 hours without any food, rationing their drinking water which they heated over fires in the evenings. They slept in abandoned sheds and kept cheerful by imagining what they would eat when they got back to Moscow.

Dr Milledge's father, Dr Jim Milledge, an expert on exposure injuries who had taken part in the first stage of the expedition, spoke of his relief at being united with the group. "In the dreadful conditions, we had the greatest fears for their safety and even when they knew they were safe, we worried about their health. Apart from one minor case of frostbite they all survived extremely well."

One volunteer suffered a broken pelvis when he fell on jagged rock during the search. The climbers have pledged to help him.

With visibility down to ten yards, the party found its way to safety by following pylon-lines in desolate countryside through knee-deep snow. Their guide, whose ski boots had become intolerably uncomfortably, walked the last three days in sandals.

On the sixth day they reached a remote dacha where the two caretakers gave them soup and tea and radioed the town of Pyatigorsk for help. The men are thought to have walked 60 miles and to have been only a day away from collapse.

Asked if the experience had put them off mountaineering, the men, all experienced climbers, said they would pay greater heed to weather conditions. "It has increased my respect for the mountains," Dr Milledge said. Mr Keeley said: "I'm not in the mood just now. Give me a couple of days."

End of ordeal: John Milledge in Moscow yesterday

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

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Drug addict freed after crime spree

By Ian Murray

WITHIN hours of seeing a hit and run driver jailed for killing his father, Jason Reed, 20, began to use crack cocaine and embarked on a £150,000 crime wave to pay for it, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

However, the court freed him on bail after hearing how he was trying to break the addiction which had lured him into a life of crime.

Appearing in the same courtroom where he watched the hit and run driver sentenced last November, Reed pleaded guilty to a catalogue of offences he had committed since then. They included six burglaries, stealing five cars, two assaults, two charges of driving without insurance and one of dangerous driving. He asked for 133 other burglaries, all in a ten-week period, to be taken into consideration.

Arrested in January, Reed was said to be deeply repentant. After hearing how he had reverted to being a "pleasant, likeable character", the court freed him on bail for 28 days before sentence, so experts could decide whether his addiction could be cured.

Ian Bullock, for the defence, said Reed previously had an exemplary character but was devastated when his father was killed. "It was the final straw when he stood in this very court and saw the driver responsible for his father's death sentenced to only two years in prison."

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Secret chamber may solve pyramid riddle

■ A wonder of the world may yet yield up more secrets, although experts disagree on the significance of new discoveries

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE Great Pyramid at Giza may contain two unexplored chambers that could hold ancient artefacts or even the lost treasures of the Pharaoh Cheops.

Archaeologists, using a robot to investigate a previously unexplored southerly passage leading from the queen's chamber, have discovered a slab adorned with copper handles 65 metres up the shaft. There are now plans to investigate another unexlored shaft going north.

The discovery of the southerly shaft's stone door, the result of investigations to see how air flows in the pyramid might be improved for visitors, has triggered a dispute over its significance and what might lie behind.

Rudolph Gantenbrink, a German engineer who developed the team's robot, believes there is a chance that a secret chamber might be there that could have frustrated grave and treasure robbers. The suggestions have dismayed scientists at the German Archaeological Institute in Cairo, who have been leading the investigations and who invited the engineer to join the team.

Dr Gunter Dreyer, of the institute, said yesterday: "This engineer has got the idea that there is something big behind the door. But it is all imagination. No chamber has been discovered yet."

Dr Eiddon Edwards, one of the Britain's most distinguished Egyptologists and former keeper of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum, described suggestions that the Pharaoh's treasure was behind the door as nonsense. He believes it is possible, however, that a secret chamber with a religious significance awaits discovery.

"It is a very important find, possibly a sensational one," Dr Edwards said.

The discovery of the door was made on March 22 but has remained secret until now. Mr Gantenbrink wants to deploy his robot, which has video cameras, with a tiny fibre-optic camera that can be threaded under a small gap in the door. The alternative is to dig 25 metres down from the surface through hard stone.

But Dr Dreyer said the 20 cm wide passageway meant that it was unlikely that any objects of value could have been transported up the shaft.

"It makes no sense at all. You could not bring anything in. Other passageways in the pyramid are accessible. This new one is a nice new detail but, until we have carried out further investigations, nothing more," Dr Dreyer said. He believes that the shaft probably served a religious purpose, allowing the soul of the Pharaoh unhindered passage to the sky gods. Indeed, the passageway in the 4,500 year-old building is aligned with stars in the Dog Star Sirius, which represented the goddess Isis.

'Obviously you do not have a stone blocking an entrance like that unless there is something behind it'

Dr Edwards' reasons for being less sceptical is based on evidence that the Egyptians often built structures inside pyramids before walling them in.

"It would not surprise me if they find that sort of thing behind this door. Obviously you do not have a stone blocking an entrance like that unless there is something behind it," Dr Edwards said.

Mr Gantenbrink, speaking yesterday from his home in Munich, said it was also hoped to send the robot up a similar unexplored passageway on the pyramid's northern side. "We penetrated 20 metres inside but had to stop. There are two bends and the remains of iron bars in the corner, which may have been left there by a British archaeologist, W. Dixon. We will have to remove these so we do not get stuck," he said.

The riddle of the two passages may never be solved.

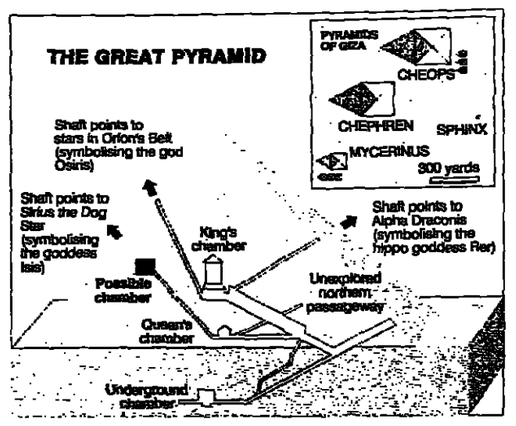
The institute is concerned that the unscheduled announcement by Mr Gantenbrink may have damaged relations with the Egyptian antiquities department, which traditionally orchestrate news releases.

"They were not aware that this was happening. The Cheops pyramid is a sensitive subject," Dr Dreyer said.

Mr Gantenbrink, who honed his skills in robotics designing remote submersibles for the North Sea oil industry, said he was unrepentant. His dream has been to match emerging technologies to archaeological investigations. He has contacted various Egpytian officials but without a response.

"It is purely their fault. If you try to hide a sensation you will have a big mess".

Past wonder: archaeologists at work on the Cheops pyramid at Giza, which is believed to contain two unexplored chambers



Pharaoh saw future in stone

BY OUR TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

CHEOPS, the Pharaoh who built the Great Pyramid at Giza, pioneered the practice of burial in a stone sarcophagus, one of Britain's leading Egyptologists said yesterday.

Dr Eiddon Edwards, former keeper of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum, said that during the time of Cheops there was a belief the dead Pharaoh copied the sun god Ra.

"He passed through the body of the sky goddess, Nut, every night and was reborn every morning. They identified the sarcophagus with Nut. So when Cheops was put in a stone sarchopagus, he was really being put in the womb of Nut to be reborn," he said. Subsequent pharoahs developed the idea by having their sarcophagi designed in the shape of a womb, said Dr Edwards.

The findings, details of which will be published in a revised edition of Dr Edward's book *The Pyramids of Egypt*, are based on detailed studies of pyramid texts.

Apart from pioneering the stone sarcophagus, little is known about the man who, around 4,500 years ago, built one of the wonders of the world. Cheops was the second king of the 4th Dynasty ruling over a Nile valley land stretching 1,000 miles up to the first cataract at Wadi Halfa.

Indeed, most of the pyramid was probably built by contract workers who, during seasonal flooding of farmland by the Nile, would have been at a loose end.

Car ban for Love Hurts star

BY A STAFF REPORTER

ADAM Faith, the actor and former pop star, was yesterday banned from driving for 21 days and fined £800 for speeding at 110mph in a car used in his current television programme *Love Hurts*.

Faith, 52, who answered to his real name Terrance Nelhams-Wright, had previously pleaded guilty by letter to speeding on the M1 and failing to produce his driving licence and insurance certificate within seven days. He appeared in court in Rotherham yesterday to plead with magistrates to allow him to keep his driving licence because of contractual commitments.

The actor was stopped by police on the M1 near Sheffield as he was driving home in a £145,000 J-registered Mercedes used in the BBC television series.

After the hearing Faith said: "The court had no choice but to ban me. I went too fast and got caught."

Stephen Smith, his solicitor, told the court that Faith was driving home from Sheffield after appearing in the stage show *Alfie*. The motorway was clear and the only other vehicle about was a police car. "There was no question of any danger being caused to other road users," he said.

Mr Smith said it was a contractual term that Faith was able to drive and disqualification would present a "nightmare" for the production crew.

Constance Shepherd, chairman of the magistrates, said the bench had taken into account the mitigating circumstances. No separate penalty was imposed for failing to produce documents.

Killer of surveyor walks free

A MAN who killed a chartered surveyor with one punch in an argument about a water leak was freed by a judge at the Old Bailey yesterday. Desmond Toussaint, 34, admitted the manslaughter of Victor Oster and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

Judge Michael Coombe said he was not forgetting the suffering of the victim's family or public opinion "in taking what may seem to be an unjustifiably lenient course". But Toussaint, an engineer, was a "thoroughly decent" man who had endured the leak for four years.

The court was told that Mr Oster, 63, died from a brain haemorrhage after being punched by Toussaint when he visited his flat in Harrow, northwest London. Toussaint was taking legal action against neighbours over the water leak, and was angry that the surveyor, from Pinner, had not found its cause despite two earlier visits.

Jonathan Goldberg QC, for the defence, said Toussaint "lashed out in an explosion of anger".

Kitchen case defeats the tax man

BY JAMES LANDALE

A MAN who runs a small business from his home has won a victory which could affect thousands of similar people by thwarting an attempt by tax inspectors to charge business rates on his kitchen.

Julian Wedgwood, 56, who has a small greetings card publishing business at his home in north Devon, won an appeal by proving that the kitchen where he works is not used solely for business purposes.

The Inland Revenue, which even measured the size of his kitchen table to make its assessment, is now only charging him £400 for his other working area, a scullery where he keeps tools and a work bench. Mr Wedgwood is considering contesting the new valuation.

Translated into annual business rates, this means Mr Wedgwood's bill drops from £249.60 to £166.40.

Mr Wedgwood pays £850 a year council tax on the 18th century rectory home in Huntshaw, from where he has run his business for the last six years. He said yesterday that the decision was a victory for every small businessman who works from home. "I have been blitzed by the banks and my cash flow has been squeezed."

He said: "To have to pay this business tax on top of the council tax strikes me as a bit terrifying."

Mr Wedgwood, who won a *Times* award of £500 in 1976 for "bringing business to rural England" by setting up a small picture framing company, said the decision was important because more people were beginning to work from home.

"If the Inland Revenue starts trying on other people what it tried on me, it will become an increasing problem."

He said that anyone who had a computer in the corner of their lounge might be at risk. "It just shows that small businesses are having every last penny bled out of them by a bunch of bureaucratic lunatics," he said, adding that it was hard to imagine anything more absurd than taking down the measurements of a kitchen table. "It is pretty obvious that a kitchen with all its trappings such as cookers and pans has got other uses."

Alison McKechanie, a director of Ownbase, which campaigns for those who work from home, welcomed the decision in Mr Wedgwood's favour. "This looks like a very impressive victory for people who work from home," she said. "Quite a number of them must be worried about being charged business rates and our advice is not to designate one room for work."

A spokesman for the Federation of Small Businesses said they received many queries about business rates. He said: "Where people work at home and perhaps use a study, we suggest they have a television in there so it can also be used for leisure purposes or perhaps a sofa bed so it becomes a guest room."

However, an Inland Revenue spokesman, who said he did not know the particulars of Mr Wedgwood's case, said: "The business rate is only charged for rooms that are used exclusively as business premises."

He said that it was unlikely that businessmen could put a television and a comfortable chair in their offices and pretend they were used for leisure to avoid the uniform business rate.

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Prints of Carroll's young friends for sale

BY SARAH JANE CHECKLAND
ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

LEWIS Carroll's two passions — photography and entertaining children — are combined in a remarkable group of albumen prints on offer at Sotheby's next month.

The photographs are being sold by descendants of two of the Victorian author's favourite sitters, Alexandra Kitchin and Julia Arnold. Both were daughters of close friends. Images show Alexandra (or Xie as she was nicknamed), playing a violin in a formal velvet dress and lying fast asleep in her nightdress on a sofa. According to a letter from Carroll to Henry Holiday, illustrator of *The Hunting of the Snark*, in order to achieve excellence in a photograph, all one needed was to take a lense and put Xie in front of it.

The 12 images of Julia show Carroll's delight in fancy dress, and include the girl bedecked with flowers as an allegory of spring, and in Chinese dress with a parasol.

In her 1929 memoirs, Julia's sister Ethel recalled the author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* as a bringer of delight in those far-off days. The sitter's grandson, Francis Huxley, says the Arnold sisters described their friendship with Carroll as a life-giving oasis in a drab childhood. The girls' father was poor, and they had only one pair of boots and could not go to parties together. Mr Huxley believes that Carroll set out to cheer the girls up by making the hero of *The Hunting of the Snark* appear in seven coats and three pairs of boots.

The pictures are numbered on the reverse in violet ink by the author. Some are signed Lewis Carroll, rather than his real name, Charles Dodgson. Estimates for the May 7 sale include £800 for Xie in tunic and sandals, circa 1875, to £4,500 for Xie with violin.

Julia Arnold: pictured by Lewis Carroll

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Pharaoh saw future in stone

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Crimewatch viewers help police hunting businesswoman's killer

Plastic bag is vital clue in London knifing

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A VITAL clue has emerged in the hunt for the killer of Jean Bradley, the businesswoman stabbed to death in a London street, after 250 telephone calls from the public following a BBC TV *Crimewatch* programme.

Callers have identified the fragment of a plastic bag found at the scene of the murder. Detectives know from eyewitnesses that the man who killed Miss Bradley, 47, was seen running away clutching a rolled-up bag in which he may have hidden the knife, and the fragment could be from that bag.

None of Miss Bradley's friends and no one in the street where she died could identify the plastic. One possibility being examined by police is that the plastic was wrenched from the attacker by Miss Bradley during the brief struggle on a street in Acton, west London.

The strip of black plastic bearing a small pattern and part of a name was identified by a number of women who called after the programme. Yesterday officers were tracing the bag and its distribution.

Miss Bradley, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, was attacked as she unlocked the door of her BMW car early on the evening of March 25 after travelling by train from central London. She was stabbed with an eight inch knife close to her car when a man appeared alongside her and the two began to argue. Miss Bradley struggled but had little chance against the knife.

No motive has been found for the attack and the murderer, wearing a distinctive black sou'wester hat, fled chased by a carpenter who had witnessed the attack. The killer was aged in his 30s or early 40s with a distinctively thin face and wearing a cream coloured anorak. He vanished in a nearby housing estate.

Yesterday Scotland Yard said the response to the appeal had been very good and calls were still coming into the incident room. Callers have provided possible identities for the man from several London areas.

Detective Superintendent Bob Fenton, who is leading the inquiry, said all the new information would be studied closely. He also wanted yet more people to come forward. "We are encouraged by the assistance from members of the public. We will closely study all information received," he said. "We are keen to have as much detailed information as possible to help us catch this dangerous killer."

Miss Bradley worked helping companies to relocate and her employer, Pricoa Relocation Management International, has offered a £20,000 reward for any information that may lead to the arrest and conviction of her murderer.

An artist's impression issued by Scotland Yard was put together with the help of two key witnesses who saw the knifeman. One was the carpenter who got out of his van and chased the man. The second was a woman in a Ford Escort car who followed the man at one stage, after thinking he was acting suspciously.

Killer and victim: an artist's impression of the man who stabbed Jean Bradley to death in a London street

Au pair found safe in Irish hostel

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A GERMAN au pair missing for almost two weeks and feared to have been abducted or killed has turned up safe and well in a youth hostel in western Ireland.

Simone Schleiffer, 20, from Germany, was found by her family yesterday in a hostel in Galway. She had not been seen since she disappeared from the home where she was working in Stamford Hill, north London, on April 3. She had told a German girl friend that she was going shopping to buy a T-shirt as a Mother's day present, and they had arranged to meet later that afternoon at Charing Cross station in central London.

After she failed to keep the appointment, and did not return to the house in Stamford Hill where she was looking after the two children of Henry Russell, a publisher, and his partner Sara Jones, a media consultant, police said they were "extremely concerned" for her safety.

Her family flew from their home in Bad Lippspringe, a village in Westphalia, and her mother, Irene Schleiffer, made a tearful appeal at a press conference, saying: "If someone has abducted her, please give her back. Please come home, Simone. We love you very much."

Miss Schleiffer's father, Willi, a retired accountant, was said to be too ill and upset to be able to attend the conference.

Miss Schleiffer's older sister, Birgit, and her employers, Mr Russell and Ms Jones, all said that Miss Schleiffer was extremely reliable, and not the kind of person to go off without telling anyone. Anxiety was heightened because she had taken no belongings with her, and was thought to be carrying only £60 for her shopping expedition. However, Stoke Newington police closed their enquiry last Tuesday after it had been established that Miss Schleiffer had flown from Heathrow to Ireland.

Attention had already turned to Ireland after Miss Schleiffer's disappearance was publicised, when a motorist said he had given a lift from Tipperary to Limerick to a girl answering her description.

A spokesman at Stoke Newington police station said yesterday: "We spent a considerable number of hours making enquiries about this young woman, but it would not be possible to put a price on it."

Insurance brokers' advice is 'abysmal'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MOST insurance salesmen regularly breach their professional codes of practice and some of their advice about insurance policies is "abysmal", the Consumers' Association claimed yesterday.

The association anonymously consulted 82 salesmen, including tied agents and independent advisers, and found "flagrant breaches" of the codes of practice drawn up by the Association of British Insurers and the Insurance Brokers Registration Council.

The breaches included salesmen failing to make clear whether they were tied or independent; failure to provide a copy of the full policy, even when it was requested; and failure to disclose the amount of commission they were paid, even when asked.

In its report, published yesterday, the Consumers' Association said one salesman who did hand over a full policy document commented as he did so: "Will you understand it? We don't."

Jean Eaglesham of the Consumers' Association said: "The incompetence of some of the insurance intermediaries was truly alarming. Breaches of the relevant codes were common and flagrant. Too many intermediaries claimed false status, offered inappropriate policies and refused to answer legitimate questions."

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers said the Consumers' Association's sample was very small, but added: "If there were breaches of the codes, that is something we would want to investigate."

The Consumers' Association said it would makes its files available to the insurance group for investigation.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy 'jailed' for butting teacher

A boy aged 15 who broke his headmistress's nose was detained for 11 months yesterday, after a judge complained that he could not give a longer sentence. Judge Prosser, who was criticised in February for ordering a boy rapist to give his victim £500 for a holiday, lifted an order banning the naming of Luke Griffin because of the seriousness of the attack.

Newport Crown Court was told that Griffin headbutted Sharron Williams, 39, after she told him to switch off a computer at Queens Hill School in Newport, Gwent.

Radioactive gas

The Atomic Energy Authority was fined £8,000 after two workers at Harwell Laboratory, Oxfordshire, were exposed to radioactive gas. Magistrates at Didcot also ordered the authority to pay £10,510 costs.

£4,500 fine

Stephen Boughey, an electrician from Bebington, Merseyside, earning £800 a week, was fined £4,500 by Wirrall magistrates for drink-driving and failing to stop after an accident.

Pigging out

A retired pig farmer, Stan Hoyes, hired a sculptor to make a collection of steel pigs for his field at Whaplode, Lincolnshire.

Desai honour

The Indian writer Anita, Desai, has won Scotland's top literary award, the Neil Gunn International Fellowship.

Co-ed choir

Girls are to be admitted to the cathedral choir at Wells, Somerset, for the first time.

TV game show is just divine

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A RELIGIOUS television game show pitting rabbis against vicars and drawing heavily on comedy classic series including *Call My Bluff* and *Have I Got News For You* is to be launched on ITV in June.

Contestants in the Sunday lunchtime programme, *Divine Inspiration!*, will be asked to identify biblical stories from tabloid newspaper-style headlines, paraphrase gospel passages in "politically correct" language, identify hymns sung backwards or improvise sermons.

The programme will be hosted by Richard Coles, a former musician with the pop group The Communards who is studying theology at London University's King's College. "This will make a refreshing change from earnest religious programmes on the one hand and smiley jumpers on the other," he said. "It is time we stopped being nervous of religion and putting it on a pedestal." Contestants are likely to include Harry Secombe and Rabbi Lionel Blue.

Secombe: lined up as likely quiz contestant

Robin Paxton, head of current affairs and features at London Weekend Television, said that the programme was part of ITV's strategy of enlivening its religious output. "We don't think this programme will offend anyone. It is intended to provide humour and we think it will attract non-believers into the shrinking religious audience," he said.

Peter Stanford, former editor of *The Catholic Herald*, welcomed the programme, but warned that it could face a barrage of criticism. "In my experience believers tend not to laugh about religion," he said.

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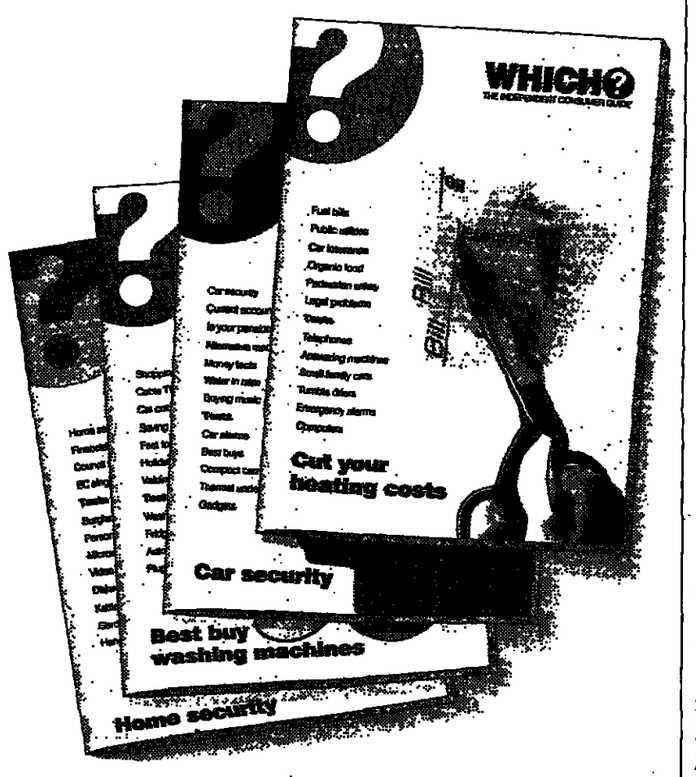

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BT's transatlantic battle could lead to cheaper calls

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

TELEPHONE bills should eventualy fall on both sides of the Atlantic as a result of a looming battle between two of the world's biggest telephone companies, British Telecom and AT&T of America.

BT, which has already gained limited footholds in niche markets in America, is seeking consent to lease the use of other companies' networks so that it can compete on equal terms to offer services to big-spending business users. AT&T wants parallel access rights in Britain.

Each company is happy to have the other as a competitor; only governments stand in the way.

For BT, there is much to gain. Although under some pressure from its infant rival Mercury in its home market, BT, with annual sales of £13.3 billion, ranks with AT&T, NTT of Japan, the German post office and France Telecom as one of the world's five biggest telephone companies. If AT&T were stripped of its equipment manufacturing operation, BT would be of similar size.

Both companies regard transatlantic competition as a crucial cockpit in which to hone their skills for an increasingly competitive world. In Europe, national telecommunications monopolies are crumbling: Karel van Miert, the EC consumer affairs commissioner, has thrown his weight behind plans for a directive to bring about their progressive, but complete, destruction. At the outset, business customers are likely to benefit the most, but as efficiency improves, there should be cheaper calls, better service and wider choice for all consumers.

In America in the late 1960s, executives at MCI, now the country's second largest long-distance carrier, won a landmark ruling which led to the break-up of AT&T, then America's national telephone monopoly, into seven regional monopolies, known as the "baby Bells", and a long distance carrier, which kept the AT&T name.

Today AT&T still dominates long distance traffic in the United States, retaining a 60 per cent market share. But MCI has carved out 30 per cent of the market and Sprint has captured 10 per cent.

Customers can select which long distance carrier they wish to use, and the carriers compete with one another on price. Calls start out on the local network, switch into the long distance link, and then back into the so-called local loop.

In Britain, telephone users can choose to route long distance calls through the Mercury network in exactly the same way. Cable television companies are even beginning to duplicate BT's local links by offering telephone services alongside film channels.

Competition drives down costs, but is not without complications. The biggest users of telephones, especially internationally, are businesses. For years, governments have overcharged them to subsidise the high cost of maintaining domestic lines. For competition to work, re-balancing of charges has to occur. That is why BT is beginning to mimick American telephone companies, which often offer free local calls in exchange for a higher fixed charge. After all, if the wires are there, it costs little to use them.

AT&T

New phone codes to cost business £200m

By Tony Dawe

BRITISH Telecom is sending out a million leaflets this month to prepare people for the biggest ever change in the telephone system, even though it is still two years away.

BT is starting early on its campaign for "Phoneday" — April 16 1995, when almost every telephone number will alter — to try to avoid the confusion which surrounded the London number changes.

The company's forward planning has served only to fuel the anger of businessmen, who say that the sweeping changes are unnecessary and will cost them hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The introduction of new dialling codes for five cities — Bristol, Leeds, Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield — and the insertion of the number 1 after the first 0 in almost all numbers, will allow BT to provide millions of new numbers for its customers.

The Federation of Small Businesses says, however, that the change will place a huge burden on the little firms trying to lead Britain out of recession. Stephen Alambritis, the federation's parliamentary officer, said: "We seem to be faced with constant changes in phone numbers and each one involves substantial costs in changing stationery and signs. BT should seriously consider reducing phone bills to compensate for the cost."

BT has reminded its critics that the change has been ordered by Oftel, the telephone service watchdog, which estimates the cost to industry at £200 million.

BT hopes that its advance warnings will help to reduce the burden. Alan Croft, the project manager, said: "Most businesses are likely to order new stationery or signs in the space of two years and, by giving them this much notice, they can plan the change when it suits them."

Transplant call: a bone marrow donor is being sought for toddler Glenn Challenger, of Blackburn, Lancashire, who is the only case in Britain of the world's rarest leukaemia

Purchase order for historic Crescent

By Marcus Binney, Architecture Correspondent

THE owners of Buxton's famous Georgian crescent have been served with a compulsory purchase order by Robert Key, the national heritage minister, to the delight of conservationists. Mr Key said: "This is the first time we have used these powers. We are not prepared to see these Grade I listed buildings deteriorate further through neglect and indecision."

Three years ago, winter gales ripped holes in the roof of the empty St Ann's Hotel, which occupies the major part of The Crescent, and High Peak district council sent in contractors to protect the building with a temporary roof covering. Dry rot continued to spread and some of the stonework on the facade became so precarious that the front of The Crescent was fenced off.

In December, Mr Key gave the owners, Capitalrise, three months to start on comprehensive repairs, estimated at £1 million, to the roofs, masonry and interiors.

Ros McCoola, spokeswoman for The Crescent joint action committee, said: "We are absolutely delighted the government has taken charge. We have been praying every night that Mr Key would serve the order." The Crescent was built in the 1780s to the designs of John Carr of York for the 5th Duke of Devonshire, who was instrumental in the development of the Derbyshire town as a spa.

It is widely considered to be one of the finest crescents in the country, second only to the Royal Crescent in Bath.

Trouble flared in 1989, the hotel was closed under a hygiene order. Subsequently the owners went into receivership and the main creditor, the Bank of Egypt, transferred the buildings to the newly-formed Capitalrise. At the same time Derbyshire county council closed the public library housed in the former assembly rooms at the other end of The Crescent.

Next week the compulsory purchase order will be advertised in local papers and if Capitalrise objects, as is likely, a public enquiry will be held.

English Heritage recently offered Capitalrise a grant of £255,000 to cover 75 per cent of the cost of roof repairs, but it was not accepted within the time limit.

George Bingham, leader of the High Peak council, said: "Over a month ago we wrote to Capitalrise offering to negotiate to buy St Ann's, but there has been silence ever since. The council offer still stands."

Seeds of hatred cannot be allowed to grow

Credo

Albert H Friedlander

Today, we look at a Europe in anguish: rape, famine and genocide storm across the skies of Bosnia and we stand aghast at the cruelty visited by humans upon their neighbours and even families. Under these circumstances, it seems more than odd to our neighbours that we Jews should commemorate the Holocaust this weekend, reminding ourselves of events which happened more than half a century ago.

I am asked: "Why this self-laceration, this tearing open of old wounds and morbid fascination with past sufferings in a world crying out with pain at the new wounds which ethnic groups inflict upon one another?" There is no easy reply, but it does require an answer which rises out of the basic human condition.

Suffering is part of every life — at least, as long as we live in an unredeemed world. This observation is more than a religious dogma, even though it is given in the aftermath of Christian Easter and the Jewish Passover. It is the recognition that every generation harvests the dragon seeds of hatred sown by the previous generation and that we, too, are not immune to the sickness of xenophobia which we transmit, like a virus, to our children. The outer darkness of the world rises out of the inner darkness, in our souls, and it proliferates in times of economic hardship.

Europe today is infested with xenophobia, the "hatred and fear of the stranger". In Germany, which seemed to have learned its lesson, there are new outbursts of anti-semitism and racialist fears on the political platforms.

A Russia released from communist oppression now permits wild outbursts of prejudice often directed against Jews. With much sadness, it must be said that the freed Orthodox faith, separated from modern religious scholarship and the penitence for past persecutions, which is present in the European Christian church, goes back to the anti-Judaism which the Russian church practised under the tsars. Even Great Britain records small seismic tremors, mindless violence directed against Jewish cemeteries and synagogues.

All of this needs our concerned attention, a united disavowal of xenophobia by all of us, not just by the Jewish community. What has to be said, again and again, is that racial and religious prejudice has to be fought with every fibre of our being; it is the only feasible attack upon anti-semitism, as well. Jews cannot point to their own wounds and portray themselves as victims; that is counter-productive. Unless the fight against xenophobia is won, there is no hope for any minority within the community.

There is large public revulsion against the violence which kills babies and mothers and cloaks itself under the term "patriotism". Women and men of good will are speaking out, and have the right to expect help from the public. The Jewish community, always noted for its charity, has reached far beyond parochial boundaries, sending substantial help to Bosnia and Somalia, and has joined the pursuit for peace within this land. Nevertheless, it still feels that special *frisson* of fear when it encounters German, French or Russian anti-semitism. If, then, we observe Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) this weekend, it is not to view ourselves as victims or to ask others to mourn for us. We are our own remembrancers. But we also know that the dragon seeds of hatred still produce harvests of hatred. If we do not examine that history, it may come back to destroy our world.

Somewhere, sometime, the world must learn that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor learn war any more" (Isaiah 2,4). When the darkness leaves the human mind, the world will grow lighter.

Rabbi Albert H. Friedlander is dean of Leo Baeck College and rabbi at Westminster Synagogue

WEEKEND WATCH

Roadworks continue to bring M-way delays

By Peter Victor

AA Roadwatch recommends that motorists avoid the following trouble spots this weekend.

There are works on the M1 between junction 9 (A5) and junction 10 in Hertfordshire. In Leicestershire there are contraflows between junctions 18 (A428) and 19 (M6) and there is a closure on the M6 approach to the M1. In Derbyshire there is a contraflow between junctions 28 and 29 and the northbound exit slip road is closed at junction 29. In South Yorkshire contraflow traffic between junctions 33 and 32 continues to cause delays. Lanes are closed in both directions on the M3 between junctions 7 (A30) and 8 (A303) in Hampshire and the southbound entry slip road to junction 7 is closed.

There are contraflows between junction 4B (M25) and Junction 5 on the M4 in Berkshire, and a 50mph limit applies. In Gwent there are restrictions each way between junctions 24 and 26 with a 50 miles an hour limit. At West Glamorgan there is a contraflow between junctions 41 and 42 with a 40 miles an hour limit and long delays at times.

The M5 in Hereford has restrictions both ways from junction 6 (Worcester North) to junction 8 (M50) and a 50 miles an hour speed limit applies. The M8 in Strathclyde has lane closures and diversions at junction 16. The M20 in Kent has contraflows between junction 5 and junction 8. There are further contraflows at junction 13. The M25 has contraflows which are likely to cause long delays between junctions 15 (M4) and 16 (M40).

In Cheshire the M56 has just two lanes open both ways between junctions 12 and 14 and the M62 in Greater Manchester has lane closures and speed restrictions at junction 12.

For more detailed information, call the AA Roadwatch 24-hour phone line on 0336 401 737.

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Beef shortage will soon push up price

By Ian Murray

BEEF may be in short supply for the next couple of months as farmers adjust to new ministry regulations for paying premiums. Special offers for Britain's traditionally favourite meat are therefore worth seeking out at the moment as prices are likely to start rising soon.

Asda have some good beef bargains with topside and silverside cuts selling for £2.37 per lb, a reduction of 69p, and frying steak down 27p per lb to £2.89.

Tesco has reduced the price of sirloin steak by 70p per lb to £4.28 and their foreribs are down 30p per lb to £2.14.

Foreribs of Scottish beef at Harrods are down from £3.80 to £2.40 per lb for the next fortnight. Sainsbury's have reduced their fresh mince by 10p per lb to £1.28.

Pork remains the cheapest meat, however, and Gateway and Tesco are both selling boneless shoulder roasts at just £1.09 per lb, a saving of 30p.

Boneless leg joints, which were selling in most stores at £2.29 per lb are down 50p per lb at Waitrose and 35p per lb at Asda. Safeway is selling boneless chops at £1.98 per lb, a 60p discount.

Bad weather and bank holidays have both reduced fish supplies and pushed up prices. Cod and haddock are in prime condition, however, and fillets are selling at around £3 per lb.

Tesco, which has more than 150 counters and claims to be the largest fishmonger in Britain, is largely able to overcome short-term supply problems by contract volume buying.

This means the chain has been able to peg its April prices for large cod and haddock fillets at the lowest levels since 1989.

Cod pieces of up to 2lbs are selling at Tesco for between £2.39 and £1.99, while haddock of up to 3lbs sells for £2.68 to £2.19.

The small fish fillets of both varieties are even cheaper, although slightly less succulent.

With an "R" in the month for only another fortnight, native oysters are coming to the end of their season, although cultivated replacements are available at 50p each. Crabs are the best fish buy of the week, selling at £2.50 per lb. Try flaking their white meat into a cheese fondue for a special treat.

Smoked salmon shoppers at Harrods are being given an extra 25 per cent free on every pack purchased. This means, for example, that a £15.90 1lb packet will contain 20oz.

New season cauliflowers are at their best. Medium sized heads with milky white florets are selling for around 50p.

Pineapples from the Ivory Coast are in prime condition and should cost no more than £1.30.

For gourmet NutraSweet London Marathon spectators, Harrods have prepared a picnic menu to bring luxury to the kerbside wait.

It includes egg mayonnaise with smoked salmon (£1.95), chicken en croute flavoured with herb mousseline (£1.45 a quarter) and fresh fruit flan at £2 each — or two punnets of fresh strawberries for just £1. Competitors are not advised to try it.

Supermarket best buys:

☐ **Asda:** Brie, £1.99 per lb; size 3 eggs, £1.69 for 18; ham on bone, £2.76 per lb; kiwis, 69p for 12.

☐ **Gateway:** Fresh chicken cordon bleu, £1.75 a 10oz pack; peeled prawns, £1.39 for 4oz; avocado pears 35p each; grapefruit, seven for 84p.

☐ **Iceland** (frozen food packs): beef topside, £3.49 for 1½lbs; 20 economy burgers, £1.69; 6 haddock steaks, £1.99; 2lbs peas, 69p; 2lb brocolli, 99p.

☐ **Sainsbury's:** whole salmon, £1.98 per lb; prime gammon, £1.49 per lb; cheddar, £1.99 per lb; 10oz double cream, 59p; Anchor butter — buy four at 67p and save 50p.

☐ **Tesco:** cottage cheese, £1.19 per lb; 10lbs white potatoes, 99p; golden delicious apples, 35p per lb.

☐ **Waitrose:** whole lobster is going for £4.95 to £5.95 per lb; smoked salmon, £14.50 to £13.50 per lb; cantaloupe melons £1.39 each; new potatoes, 19p per lb.

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Ghetto anniversary highlights moral case for armament

***Roger Boyes**, recalling the Warsaw Jewish uprising of 1943, looks at the arguments for arming Bosnia's Muslims*

STARVED, confined to cellars, tens of thousands of civilians were reduced to a desperate existence; hopelessly, they appealed for arms to fend off massacre by a ruthless army whose goal was "ethnic cleansing". Srebrenica in April 1993? Or the Warsaw ghetto in April 1943?

While neither Srebrenica nor Sarajevo under Serb siege is the Warsaw of the Nazi occupation, they raise the question of how Western bystanders should behave and how to reconcile public conscience with national interest. As world leaders head for the Polish capital this weekend to mark the 50th anniversary of the ghetto uprising, the moral issues have again been highlighted. Dr Marek Edelman, one of the few surviving leaders of the Jewish uprising, remarked that "the relationship of democratic governments to genocide has not changed in the past 50 years". Indifference, and a need for stability, continue to outweigh morally driven action, he said.

Baroness Thatcher has, in calling for the arming of the Bosnian Muslims, highlighted the moral dimension of the conflict which has, in the past months of tired debate, gone by default. The generals have been arguing about the practicality of intervention. Meanwhile, the non-interventionists have shrugged off the moral issues, denying that the Bosnian war is anyway a defining conflict. Since the West cannot end all wars, it should confine itself to limited help for victims unless national interests are directly affected, they say.

Yet European wars are different. The siege of Srebrenica is not just about the death of Bosnia, or of Yugoslavia, but about maintaining a multicultural society that has helped to shape Europe. Non-interventionists, says Dr Edelman, are betraying this idea and thus betraying Europe.

Srebrenica could mark a turning-point for Serb political strategy, and it provokes thought about what kind of military assistance would address the moral dilemmas. The fighting in eastern Bosnia is motivated by the Serb wish to create corridors linking Serb communities that could be isolated when the Owen-Vance peace plan is implemented. But there is also a growing awareness among Serbs that, despite the territorial gains of the past year, they have lost the war. The Owen-Vance map has, under US pressure, been quietly altered in the Muslims' favour. The Bosnian presidency is supposed to rotate on ethnic lines.

Air of despair: a Tuzla radio ham recording pleas from Srebrenica. One said: "The offensive is unrelenting. In the name of God, do something"

The Serbs do not believe they have achieved a Greater Serbia. Their minimum military aim — a land corridor in northern Bosnia — eludes them. Srebrenica could thus be depicted as the Serbs' last big successful battle. After the fall of Srebrenica, they might be ready to accept the Owen-Vance plan.

Should the West punish the Serbs for capturing Srebrenica? If so, how? The lesson of the 1943 uprising might be to send arms — not to Srebrenica, it is too late for that — but to Bosnian Muslim communities elsewhere. It could be argued that this would allow the Muslims to restore their dignity as a fighting force, and take revenge for war crimes; even if that did not much change the military equation, it would be a moral step.

Such a decision would be wrong. Last summer new weapons could have helped the Bosnians to stop the Serb advance. Now the arms would not be able to save lives, or restore the country's territorial integrity: it is the end-game in Bosnia.

Arming the Muslims is not a clear-cut moral issue. It is a way of avoiding the critical option: to declare outright war on Serbia, aimed at enforcing a peace settlement that would probably resemble a version of the Owen-Vance plan.

☐ **Washington:** The US Holocaust Memorial is to be opened in the capital next week (Martin Fletcher writes). President Clinton, who will address 10,000 Jewish survivors of Nazi genocide, has yet to deliver on last year's election campaign pledges of US action to rescue Bosnia's Muslims. Representing Britain at the ceremony will be Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, who this week dismissed Lady Thatcher's call for military intervention as emotional nonsense.

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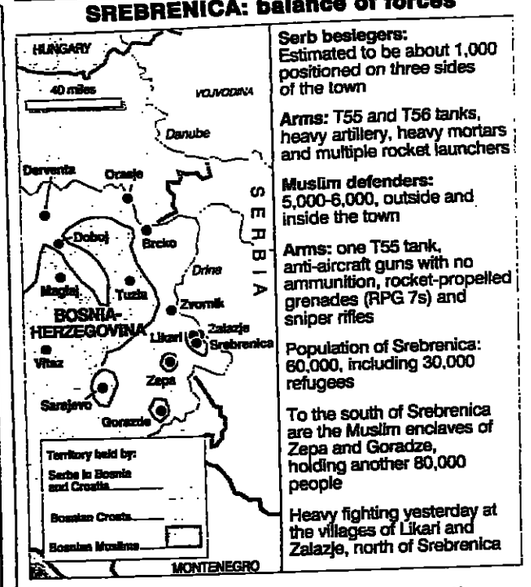
SREBRENICA: balance of forces



Serb besiegers: Estimated to be about 1,000 positioned on three sides of the town

Arms: T55 and T56 tanks, heavy artillery, heavy mortars and multiple rocket launchers

Muslim defenders: 5,000-6,000, outside and inside the town

Arms: one T55 tank, anti-aircraft guns with no ammunition, rocket-propelled grenades (RPG 7s) and sniper rifles

Population of Srebrenica: 60,000, including 30,000 refugees

To the south of Srebrenica are the Muslim enclaves of Zepa and Gorazde, holding another 80,000 people

Heavy fighting yesterday at the villages of Likari and Zalazje, north of Srebrenica

Unequal battle approaches its inevitable end

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE battle for Srebrenica has been typical of the style of fighting seen throughout the 12-month war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The surrounding Serbian "Goliaths" with their heavy guns and mortars keep up the pressure as they creep steadily forward and the defending Muslim "Davids" hurl back whatever ammunition they can lay their hands on.

In personality terms, there is a genuine David and Goliath analogy. Leading the besiegers, although from afar, is General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, a stocky, florid 51-year-old whose father died fighting with Tito's communist partisans. His reputation is fearsome.

Leading the besieged is Nasir Oric, the Muslim commander. He is only 23 and, ironically, a former bodyguard of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president. The young commander does not have the same charismatic hold over his troops as does General Mladic and there are persistent reports from the besieged town of a lack of disciplined control over strategy.

The Muslims' principal advantage over the Serbs has been geographical. The old town of Srebrenica, which was first settled in by the Romans, is tucked in a cleft in the mountains. Their main disadvantage has been the lack of firepower and limited ammunition.

According to the latest assessments from military observers inside the town, the 5,000-6,000 Muslim defenders have one tank, a Soviet-made T55, a small stock of shells that they use sparingly and anti-aircraft guns with no ammunition. But they have larger stocks of light weapons, including rocket-propelled grenades (RPG7s), sniper rifles and anti-tank missiles.

The T55 tank, which has no diesel fuel, is used as artillery and is normally parked next to the hospital. The defenders hold positions inside and outside the town and, according to local reports, they have been known to infiltrate through Serbian lines at night.

Inside the town, the mood among the people has become progressively depressed. The handful of United Nations military personnel — four military observers and seven Canadian soldiers — say the wounded inside the hospital are suffering from the "Saigon syndrome", a state of hopelessness. "You can smell the gangrene as you go in," one UN official said.

In spite of the low morale among the Muslim population and dwindling stocks of ammunition, the Serbs have held back from taking the town by storm. With their firepower, which includes multiple rocket launchers, they could have taken Srebrenica weeks ago.

However, they have concentrated on capturing villages at the edge of the town, gradually reducing the size of the Muslim pocket. Yesterday, the fiercest fighting was at the villages of Likari and Zalazje, north of Srebrenica.

Since mid-January the Serbs have captured three smaller Muslim enclaves, Kamenica, Cerska and Konjevic Polje. However, Srebrenica is a vital strategic goal for the Serbs in their plan to capture the west bank of the Drina river that forms the Bosnian-Serbian border. From there they could threaten two other Muslim enclaves at Zepa and Gorazde, which hold about 80,000 people.

General Mladic has told UN officials privately that he had no intention of storming Srebrenica. But undoubtedly the Serbian advance has been stalled because of the international focus on the town and, in particular, the courageous attempt by General Philippe Morillon, the UN commander in Bosnia, to save Srebrenica from conquest.

In spite of their apparent sensitivity to world criticism, the Serb forces around Srebrenica are reported by UN officials to be motivated by a desire for revenge. The town was seized by the Serbs in April last year but retaken by the Muslims the following month when up to 2,000 Serbian soldiers are reported to have been killed.

Since then the sprawling settlement has also been a launching pad for Muslim guerrilla raids on Serb villages and towns along the Bosnian bank of the Drina which have cost hundreds of dead.

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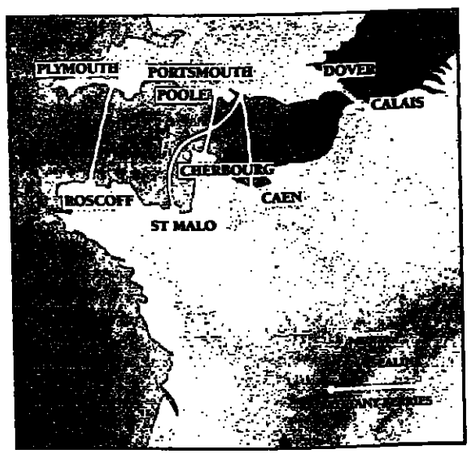

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How 56 Muslim casualties in siege town galvanised Western opinion against Bosnian Serbs

Reckoning time in valley of death

Tim Judah reconstructs the terror of the creeping barrage that killed or maimed everybody who could not run fast enough

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Road to freedom: crowds surrounding a UN convoy in Srebrenica, hoping for safe passage out of the Muslim town, and witnessed by one of the few foreign photographers there

HALF an hour after the shelling of Srebrenica began last Monday, the wounded were pouring into the hospital on carts, wheelbarrows, trolleys, anything that people could find. Dr Piet Willems began the selection. "Him, him, out: him, him, out, out." He was deciding who he would try to save and who would die.

The shelling began at 2.15pm. It was a perfect spring day in the small town which lies in a valley above the Drina river, which forms a natural frontier between Bosnia and Serbia. There were crowds of people on the main street snaking up through the centre to the town square, passing the little hospital and the post office, the school and the shattered building of Srebrenica Woman department store, which today is a guarded store of flour and other commodities that the UN has managed to talk past the Serbs.

The shelling was methodical. It started at one end of the main street and moved down the centre of the town, killing and maiming all those who could not run fast enough. The death toll was 56, including 15 children.

Dr Willems, a surgeon of the Belgian branch of the medical charity Médecins sans Frontières, was in the post office when it began. He was not posting a letter. The PTT, as it is known, had become the home and headquarters of the 11 Canadian soldiers and the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) who form the UN contingent. Their sleeping bags lay behind unused counters. The telephone booths, files, and probably stamps of a vanished land, Yugoslavia, were still there.

"Muhammad, our helper, ran in shouting," Dr Willems said. "'There are bodies all over the road. It's a massacre. We've got to get them to the hospital.'"

The old maternity clinic, a small three-storey building which passes now for the hospital, is across the road from the PTT. Just over 100 dying and wounded were brought in. Most of the dead were left where they lay until the shelling stopped, but some became entangled with the living, tossed on to the carts that carried them to the hospital. Those that died in the hospital were left on the floor. Outside a dead man lay on a cart. A dog slept underneath. Inside a child writhed in agony. The hospital wall was splattered with blood.

Two other doctors moved through the jammed corridors. There is no electricity in Srebrenica and only the makeshift operating theatre has lights powered by a generator. The doctors did what they could for the less seriously injured. "I was bandaging with a torch held in my mouth," Dr Norbert Scholzen says.

Monday had begun quietly. People were walking the streets, just as they did everyday. The town was crammed. Its prewar population was 6,500: today, there are 30,000 people there, mostly refugees from villages already conquered and torched by the Bosnian Serbs. Every habitable room in the town sleeps ten people, the classrooms of the town's school, now a refugee centre, each sleeps a hundred. In the rest of the shrinking Muslim-held enclave around the town there are believed to be another 20,000 locals and refugees.

The majority of those on the streets were men. The women were cooking, looking after their sick, their children, their elderly — and making parachute suits. "I noticed many people wearing shirts and trousers of this strange material," said Louis Gentile, of the UNHCR. "I thought they were rather stylish. Then someone told me they are made from the parachutes from the American airdrops." In the school playgrounds, just off the main street, children were playing football, the older ones on one side of a fence and the younger on the other. Mr Gentile says that the next day, when the UN evacuated the wounded, their flesh still hung on the fence.

Mr Gentile, 29, a Canadian who had been in the town for a week, was in his car when the shelling began, trying to establish contact with the UNHCR in Kiseljak on his radio. He went into the PTT. In the first minutes it was not clear that this shelling was different from any another. Shells have fallen on Srebrenica for a year. Local doctors said that they had never had more than 40 wounded in a day, and those were some of the worst days. On Monday, they had more than 100 in half an hour.

Mr Gentile went to the shelter in the basement of the PTT to find it full of the local police. "We sent the cleaning women who work in the PTT down there, too." He said the shelling was utterly calculated. It started at one end of town and in just over 20 minutes it had moved up the high street and then stopped. At about 4pm there was a renewed but less deadly barrage.

The pretty Serbian Orthodox church looks down benignly on the main square. Unlike a thousand mosques in Serb-held territory, it has not been dynamited. But unlike most houses in Muslim Srebrenica, it has not been damaged by Serb artillery.

As the shells crashed down, Srebrenica became a ghost town. When the noise died down, Mr Gentile went out with the Canadian "blue berets" in their armoured personnel carrier and drove up the hill through the centre of the town. "A shell exploded 50 metres to our right," Mr Gentile says. "It took the roof off a house. I'm sure there were people in it. Then we passed the playground. I saw seven bodies, two were children, one was decapitated." He sucks in his breathe. "It's a cliché, I know, but the road was red with blood. That's it. I didn't want to believe what I was seeing."

> 'Looking at the small body lying in the school playground, you think you should do something, you think you should pick it up and bury it, but you realise that would be desecration'

A quarter of an hour later, the vehicle returned and passed the playground again. It stopped. "There was blood and guts everywhere. You think maybe you should do something," Mr Gentile said, referring to a small body that had lain before him. "You think, 'I should pick it up and bury it'. But the refugees were all inside the school. You realise they will come and bury it. It would be a desecration otherwise."

In the hospital Dr Willems began operating an hour after the shelling began. He was helped by an underqualified doctor who had done 1,200 such operations in the last year. Dr Willems, who had been in the town for 12 days, had never done war surgery and was terrified. The operating theatre was vulnerable to shelling, on the top floor, under the roof and with a window.

All the injuries were shrapnel wounds. Dr Willems managed seven operations on six men and two children before, at midnight, he ran out of sterilised instruments and his staff said they could do no more. The brain of one man was pouring from his eye. Dr Willems could not save him. "When he died, his brother said, 'We were a family of five sons. Four died today, him in the street and three on the front'."

Srebrenica has seen war before — but nothing like this. During the second world war the flag of Fascist Croatia flew on the bridge across the Drina and the Muslims wielded the whip. Serbs were killed and on the run, but nowhere in Bosnia was the war as brutal as today.

The name of the town derives from its only precious commodity: silver. In the Middle Ages the ancestors of the people of Srebrenica fought with the ancestors of their Serb besiegers. The kingdom of Bosnia was locked in war with the principality of Serbia. But the silver miners were Saxons, ancestors of the Germans. In 1460, the fighting subsided and Srebrenica fell into obscurity: a little hillside town with a mine deep in the Ottoman Empire, never to be heard of again in the outside world until today.

In 1991, Muslims were three-quarters of the local population and Serbs a quarter. But, as elsewhere in Bosnia, the Serbs owned a higher proportion of the land. They also needed — and need — the strategic Drina valley to weld all their territories into one.

Before Monday's carnage, Srebrenica was an island of fear. Now it is a land of terror. Everyone wants to leave. There is no more hope of resisting, only the hope of surviving. Last month General Philippe Morillon, the commander in chief of UN forces in Bosnia, told its people that he would not abandon them. The UN ordered him out but he decided to go back in. Serbs deployed crowds of women and children to block his way and prevented him from returning.

Srebrenica's people are unwilling martyrs. They thought they lived in modern Europe. Now they know that they do not, they just want to live. There is a precedent. There is Vukovar. When the Serbs entered that Croatian city, they made for the hospital, taking the wounded men out of the back as the International Committee of the Red Cross clamoured to get inside. Today, Russian troops guard what is believed to be their mass grave in the corner of a muddy field.

Before he left Srebrenica on Thursday, Dr Willems took a felt-pen marker and wrote numbers on the foreheads of the women and children who were to be evacuated. No hope for the men though. "They waved their hands at me, they said 'helicopter', 'evacuation' — the only words they knew in English," the doctor said.

In the Muslim cemeteries of the town, there are many freshly dug graves. "They know they will be able to fill them," Mr Gentile said. He recalled a man and woman standing in the churning dirt and dust as a UN helicopter prepared to winch their wounded little girl to safety. She died before she could be lifted inside. "The child was beautiful," he said. "The mother rocked. She was a beacon of sorrow."

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Amato will offer to go if Italians back reform

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY appeared yesterday to be preparing to vote overwhelmingly in favour of electoral reform in a referendum tomorrow and on Monday. At the same time, Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, indicated that he is ready to resign after the vote if President Scalfaro wishes.

A spokesman for the prime minister's office said Signor Amato would go to the Quirinal Palace on Tuesday "to study ... what procedures to choose to go forward". On Thursday, Signor Amato told Cable Network News that "my impression is that my government is almost at an end".

Signor Scalfaro, however, hinted yesterday that he would prefer not to replace Signor Amato immediately and said it would be up to parliament to pass a vote of no confidence in the Socialist prime minister's coalition if there were to be any orderly change of executive. "We cannot allow the least power vacuum or even the impression that there is a power vacuum," the president said in Spoleto. A government crisis "would have to have, first of all, the voice of parliament".

Scalfaro: MPs would decide on coalition

Campaigning for the referendum ended yesterday with such opponents of reform as Leoluca Orlando, the former mayor of Palermo and leader of the anti-Mafia La Rete (Network) party, calling for an early general election as the only way out of the corruption scandal embroiling the nation. "In every country where the political class is corrupt and investigated, one goes to the polls," Signor Orlando told a crowd in Padua. "We instead are the only country where one changes the rules of the game instead of voting."

An opinion poll for *Il Giornale* yesterday predicted that between 74 and 78 per cent of the electorate would vote in favour of introducing a first-past-the-post polling system, similar to the British or French model, and indicating that the "yes" campaign spearheaded by Mario Segni, the referendum's main promoter, was proving effective. Only 10 per cent of those polled remained undecided. "With a 'yes' vote we will save Italy from sinking," Signor Segni said yesterday.

He is asking Italy's 45 million voters to introduce a winner-take-all system for 238 of the 315 seats in the senate while retaining proportional representation for the remainder. If the "yes" vote wins, the chamber of deputies (the lower house) is expected to follow suit. Signor Segni left the Christian Democrat party last month as a protest against corruption and Mafia infiltration of its ranks.

Behind-the-scenes negotiations have already begun to replace Signor Amato's moribund government after the referendum. Achille Occhetto, leader of the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left, has called for "an exceptional government" supported by all parties to push through electoral reform. Signor Segni wants an "institutional government" headed by the Speaker of one of the parliamentary chambers but has not ruled out heading an administration of his own if the "yes" vote is strong enough.

President Scalfaro is likely to replace Signor Amato if there is a high vote in favour of reform. He may, however, first give him a chance to form a second, wider coalition.

Voters also face seven other proposals on their ballot papers — for the abolition of the agriculture, tourism and state shareholdings ministries, removal of environmental controls from local health authorities, ending state funding of political parties, decriminalising personal drug use, and abolishing state control of banks' boards of directors.

☐ **Mass arrests:** Police yesterday arrested Massimo Carminati, 34, and 55 other members of the Magliana gang which they say was involved in most of the high-profile murders, kidnaps and drug-related violence in the Italian capital in the 1970s. In the south the authorities issued 18 warrants for a drug-running Mafia faction. *(AP)*

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Smiles ease miles on track to decay

Michael Binyon**, on his Russian rail journey, reflects on the decidedly more civilised style of travel 80 years ago. Fourth stop: **SARATOV

WHEN Karl Baedeker published his guide to Russia in 1914, he advised travellers arriving in Saratov that an *izvoshtschik*, a one-horse cab, from the railway station to the town centre cost 40 kopecks. A tram could take visitors to the Cathedral of the Nativity, on the banks of the Volga, and both the Bristol Hotel and the Rossiya, "with lift, fair restaurant and electric light", were recommended.

Modern Saratov, by contrast, with a population of almost a million, is the ball-bearing capital of Russia. The natural amphitheatre in which the town lies, between the mighty Volga and high surrounding bluffs, is dominated by the sounds and odours of Soviet-era industry: oil and petrochemicals.

Unlike in 1914, few cabbies now wait at the cavernous, smelly station and most travellers have to bargain with whichever driver decides to turn his car into an unofficial taxi as his comes along the street. In Baedeker's day, 100 roubles were worth £10 11s 2d. Now notes cascade from a traveller's wallet by the fistful and it takes 10,000 roubles to buy £10. No passenger gets into a taxi before haggling.

Travel through the Russian provinces to Saratov and beyond must have seemed altogether more civilised and comfortable 80 years ago. True, the prudent explorer was advised to take "a pillow or air cushion, linen sheets (useful on long railway journeys and in provincial hotels), towels, a coverlet or rug, a small India-rubber bath and some insect powder". Nowadays, at least sheets, though somewhat grey and crumpled, a pillow, rug and mattress are provided in "soft class", and a portly railway carriage attendant in blue uniform and peroxide hair usually brings in a cheap metal holder with a glass of hot, weak tea brewed in the samovar built into the coach at the end of each corridor.

Baedeker complained that trains in Russia travelled extremely slowly. They have not speeded up, although electric traction has replaced the splendid broad-gauge monsters that used to steam through the snows and forests and pages of Russian literature. The overnight expresses from Moscow to the provinces meander along at 50mph, clanking and buffeting their 15 carriages over lines that have long lost the gliding smoothness once the joy of Soviet railways.

Provincial trains are even slower; from Belgorod to Voronezh, no more than 250 miles, takes 11 hours. The onward journey to Saratov, a further 323 miles, lasts 18 hours, a nightmare ride in a single, stuffy passenger coach, with open-plan bunks, that is hitched to the mail train. Russia's railways visibly reflect the fall of this country into disrepair and poverty. Many have broken windows, peeling paint and lavatories where encrusted filth would deter anyone not driven by necessity.

In parts of the country, especially the north Caucasus, travellers should be on their guard: many a story is told of locks picked, sleeping gas sprayed under doors, and passengers robbed. Some trains have armed guards.

But there is a camaraderie among passengers and the professional pride of the railway employees that smiles through these signs of decay. Even in the coldest days of Soviet paranoia, Russians used to allow themselves the quiet hospitality of talking to foreigners on trains, defying a torrent of official propaganda with truth and friendship.

Inevitably the talk now is of politics: who will vote for President Yeltsin in the referendum on April 25, who against, what has brought Russia to such a mess, and — the eternal Russian question — what is to be done.

Some of the older people who have rumbled along the lines for more than 30 years are not averse to sharing some of their troubles, while drowning others with several bottles of vodka. They enjoy the chance to smother a foreigner's attention and perhaps have a hope of buying the odd dollar or two.

Ludmila Petrovna, a robust and matronly superintendent, has worked on the railways since leaving her village near Belgorod some 30 years ago. She asked the kind of questions most people want to know: what do foreigners earn? What is life like over there? What do they think of Russia today? Can they please have a copy of their picture? She was proud of her position enforcing the rules; that trains were clean, left on time, obeyed the safety regulations, and the passengers had tickets. Alas, efficiency has declined.

In 1914, a bell was rung three times before the departure of each train; now they glide off with little warning. Unfortunately, then and now, it was extremely difficult to find out the timetable from one provincial city to another, and travellers have to rely on large noticeboards to find out when, and if, a further connection is possible.

Trains are still overwhelmingly the most common form of transport in Russia, but despite a steep increase in prices, Aeroflot is gradually taking an ever larger share of the travel market. After several journeys, as we approach our next stop in the bandit country of Samara, it is not hard to see why.

Points of view: Ludmila Petrovna, a rail superintendent, is keen to talk to foreigners, asking about the West and discussing their troubles. Photograph: CHRIS HARRIS

☐ **Minsk:** Leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States met in Zaslavl, outside Minsk, Belorussia, yesterday to try to consolidate their alliance. President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan said the ten members fell into three groups: those wanting economic and military integration, those wanting greater autonomy, and the undecided. *(AP)*

Rutskoi accuses 'corrupt' Yeltsin cabinet

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

ALEKSANDR Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, hit back yesterday after an attempt by President Yeltsin to curb his political role, declaring that the country was facing an intolerable rise in crime and corruption as a result of the government's economic shock-therapy. He also accused senior politicians of selling off state property for private gain.

In his most strongly worded challenge yet, Mr Rutskoi hinted to parliament that he may be preparing to run against Mr Yeltsin, adding: "I have a sincere desire to show Russia who betrayed it. We should put an end to the robbery of the country. I shall continue to work for this and rely on your support."

Deputies demanded that the speech be shown live on Russian television. Mr Rutskoi claimed that 40 per cent of Russia's gross national product was now controlled by organised criminal groups. "The present state of affairs threatens to destroy the fundamental pillars of the state."

The alarmist statement and its nationalist overtone are seen as a direct attack on Mr Yeltsin by his deputy a week before the key referendum on power. "They [the government] are doing their best to win the referendum in order to hide their crimes and legalise the shadow economy," Mr Rutskoi said.

Leading Russian businessmen also mocked Mr Yeltsin yesterday, laughing at him when he told a meeting of the Union of Entrepreneurs and Industrialists that the economy was showing signs of improvement. As he reeled off what he claimed was a substantial reduction in price rises since the beginning of the year, he was interrupted by hoots of laughter and cat-calls and broke off stuttering: "I don't understand."

The gathering was admonished by the union's chairman, Arkadi Volsky, an opponent of reform. But he later joined the attack on the president, saying that "economic blitzkrieg is unacceptable for Russia", and calling for greater state intervention.

☐ **Trial suspended:** The trial of 12 former leading Communists accusing of organising the Soviet coup in August 1991 was suspended yesterday after one of the defendants, Aleksandr Tizyakov, was taken ill. Mr Tizyakov, the former head of the Soviet association of industrialists, is in hospital with chest pains. The prosecution agreed to suspend proceedings until his return.

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Patten makes China sit up

BY DEREK DAVIES

CHRIS Patten must be careful not to smile too broadly when he steps off the plane at Kai Tak airport in Hong Kong today.

Yet China's agreement to talk about the future of the colony, announced during Mr Patten's visit to London, is a victory for the governor. Peking, which was refusing to talk unless his proposals for greater democracy were abandoned, has agreed not only to talk without preconditions but to a delegation containing two Hong Kong representatives, both Patten supporters. That the talks will take place in Peking, with Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador, leading the British team, is a concession to China which prefers bargaining sessions on its own ground. On the other hand, Sir Robin's opposite number will be Jiang Enzhu, China's deputy foreign minister, rather than Lu Ping, Peking's man in charge of Hong Kong affairs. Over the past six months of confrontation, China's foreign ministry has been less abusive and threatening in tone than Mr Lu's Hong Kong and Macao affairs office. In December, the Foreign Office's approach to Hong Kong was defended in a letter to *The Times* by its chief originator, Sir Percy Cradock, the prime minister's former special adviser on foreign affairs. He said that he had never risked an open breach or a trial of strength. He has advocated taking Peking's threats seriously.

Mr Patten has braved a breach and endured a trial of strength — and Peking blinked first. China had to consider the extent to which the economic growth in its southern provinces is dependent on Hong Kong capital and know-how; the size of its own investment in Hong Kong's prosperity; and the international risks posed by continuing with threats. The policy could have jeopardised China's most-favoured trading nation status with America, and hopes of peaceful reunification with Taiwan.

The most likely outcome is another set of compromises whereby the Peking talks will mitigate some of the democracy proposals while the Legislative Council will be allowed some space for self-assertion. Such a solution would be interpreted by idealists as a defeat for the liberals. Realists would argue, however, that as China could rescind reforms after 1997, the cause of democracy was secondary to the need to establish Hong Kong as a modern, successful community with rights and opinions worthy of respect. That has been achieved and in that lies Mr Patten's victory.

The author is a former editor of the Hong Kong-based Far Eastern Economic Review.

Governor hope

Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, yesterday said he hoped the Chinese would be constructive when talks about future elections in the colony resume next week. Mr Patten, in Britain for a two-week visit, met John Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary.

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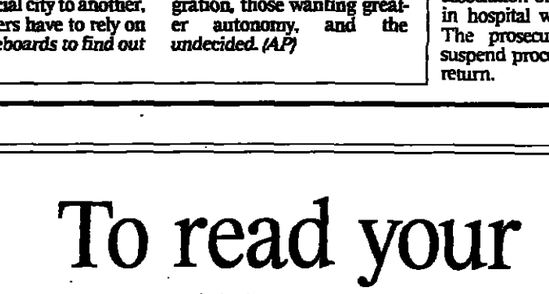

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Deportees defy tanks amid Arab moves to delay talks

BY IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON, CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

The peace process is in disarray. In a diplomatic Catch 22, Israel refuses further concessions until talks resume: deportees are likely to convince Palestinians to stay away

AS NEARLY 400 Palestinian deportees braved heavy Israeli shellfire in their no man's land in south Lebanon during a march aimed at sabotaging next week's resumption of Middle East peace talks, Palestinian leaders in Washington also pressed for the talks to be postponed.

Their call dealt a blow to Middle East peace hopes and to American prestige, delivering a severe rebuff to Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, who visited the Middle East on his first foreign mission in February with the stated aim of achieving a resumption of talks.

The self-styled "death march" was halted in the late afternoon close to the heavily fortified Israeli lines after one deportee was hit in the chest by debris as a tank round slammed into rocks about 30 yards from the protesters. "It is clear that we cannot go further," Abdul Aziz al-Rantisi, a spokesman for the group, said. However, many of the exiles vowed their determination to win martyrdom and some wore headbands with the slogan: "Dying for the sake of God is our purest wish." It took nearly 30 Israeli warning shots to convince them that further progress would be suicidal.

The protest was timed to coincide with the opening of talks in Damascus involving Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on whether to accept the American invitation to resume talks in Washington next Tuesday with the Israelis. "We wanted the march to awaken the world's conscience which forgot our cause," Mr al-Rantisi said.

Under PLO orders, the Palestinians originally agreed to boycott the peace talks until all the exiles return to Israel under the terms of United Nations Resolution 799. That condition was watered down later under US, Egyptian and Syrian pressure.

As the Damascus talks opened, leading PLO officials said they would be demanding a short delay in next week's planned resumption of the talks because assurances received from the US and Israel were not yet satisfactory. That demand was finalised in Washington by Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokesman, who said after two days of talks with senior US officials: "The Palestinian side does not feel we can make a recommendation to resume negotiations on April 20 as we had hoped to do."

Western officials claimed last night that the PLO leadership had been affected by the tactics of the deportees, who have relied heavily on skilful public relations to whip up popular Palestinian feeling against any resumption of negotiations while their plight remains unresolved.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, made clear at a summit this week in Egypt with President Mubarak that Israel will make no more concessions to the Palestinians until they are back round the table. The Clinton administration has warned all sides that if talks are not resumed soon, US diplomatic attention will be switched to other issues, such as Bosnia and Russia.

In a related development, suspected Palestinian extremists opposed to the peace process were blamed yesterday for a suicide car bomb attack in the occupied territories that killed one Arab civilian and injured eight Israeli soldiers.

The explosion occurred on the Orthodox Good Friday, which in turn resulted in protests in Jerusalem. Paramilitary police used stun grenades to break up a demonstration by Orthodox Christians protesting against restrictions on the entry of Palestinians into Jerusalem during the Holy Week celebrations.

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Bomb anguish: Colombian police officers carrying a woman wounded in northern Bogotá by a bomb that ripped through a shopping centre, killing at least 11 people and injuring more than 100. The government immediately doubled to 60 years the maximum sentence for terrorism. It said that Pablo Escobar, the fugitive cocaine cartel chief, was responsible for the blast. He has instigated bombings in Bogotá, Medellin and other Colombian cities that have killed more than 50 people this year and injured hundreds. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Opposition raided by Zaire troops

Nairobi: Zaire's President Mobutu, facing international isolation and calls from Western countries to sponsor his overthrow, has launched a counter-offensive against his opposition that is likely to plunge his country further into civil war (Sam Kiley writes).

Mr Mobutu ordered his troops into the homes of leading opponents, including Etienne Tshisekedi. For the past two years he had been satisfied to remain at the head of a country blighted by anarchy and looting sprees by the armed forces whose pay comes only sporadically, but now he has returned to the violent tactics that have kept him in power since he took over Zaire in a coup backed by the American CIA in 1965.

Throughout the Cold War Mr Mobutu's Zaire was seen as a bulwark against communism in Africa and an essential supply base for American clandestine operations with Jonas Savimbi's Angolan rebel movement. Now, faced with the prospect of Zaire collapsing into civil war and ethnic violence, Western countries, including America, have demanded that Mr Mobutu should step aside.

Turks warned

Moscow: Armenia accused Turkey of flying weapons and troops across Armenian airspace to war-torn Azerbaijan up to 15 times a day and hinted that it might try to shoot the planes down, journalists in Yerevan said. *(Reuter)*

Cholera toll

Harare: Cholera killed 14 people in Zimbabwe in the past week, bringing the death toll to 307 since an epidemic broke out last November. Health officials said that 100 new cases were recorded in the week to push the yearly total to 6,677. *(Reuter)*

Joining forces

Washington: American and Russian military forces next week will conduct their first joint exercise on Russian soil since the second world war. The Pentagon said American search-and-rescue units will practise with Russian units in Siberia. *(Reuter)*

Gay meeting

Washington: President Clinton pleased leaders of gay-rights groups by inviting them to the Oval Office to discuss policy matters, but disappointed them by an announcement that he will not be in Washington on April 25 for a march in support of gay issues.

Artefacts found

Peking: Scientists have confirmed by radio-isotope test that stone-age tools discovered in the southern province of Guangxi are about 730,000 years old, making them the most ancient artefacts found in China. *(Reuter)*

Scent of victory

Kuwait: Former President Bush was showered with gifts — including 96 bottles of perfume and a prized racing camel — as he received the thanks of Kuwait, hailing him as its Gulf war liberator. *(Reuter)*

Walus: Pole accused of murdering Hani

ANC calls strike for Hani funeral

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

LEADERS of the African National Congress and its allies called yesterday for a nationwide strike on Monday to honour the funeral of Chris Hani, the South African communist leader shot dead a week ago. They also urged supporters to defy any government crackdown on protests.

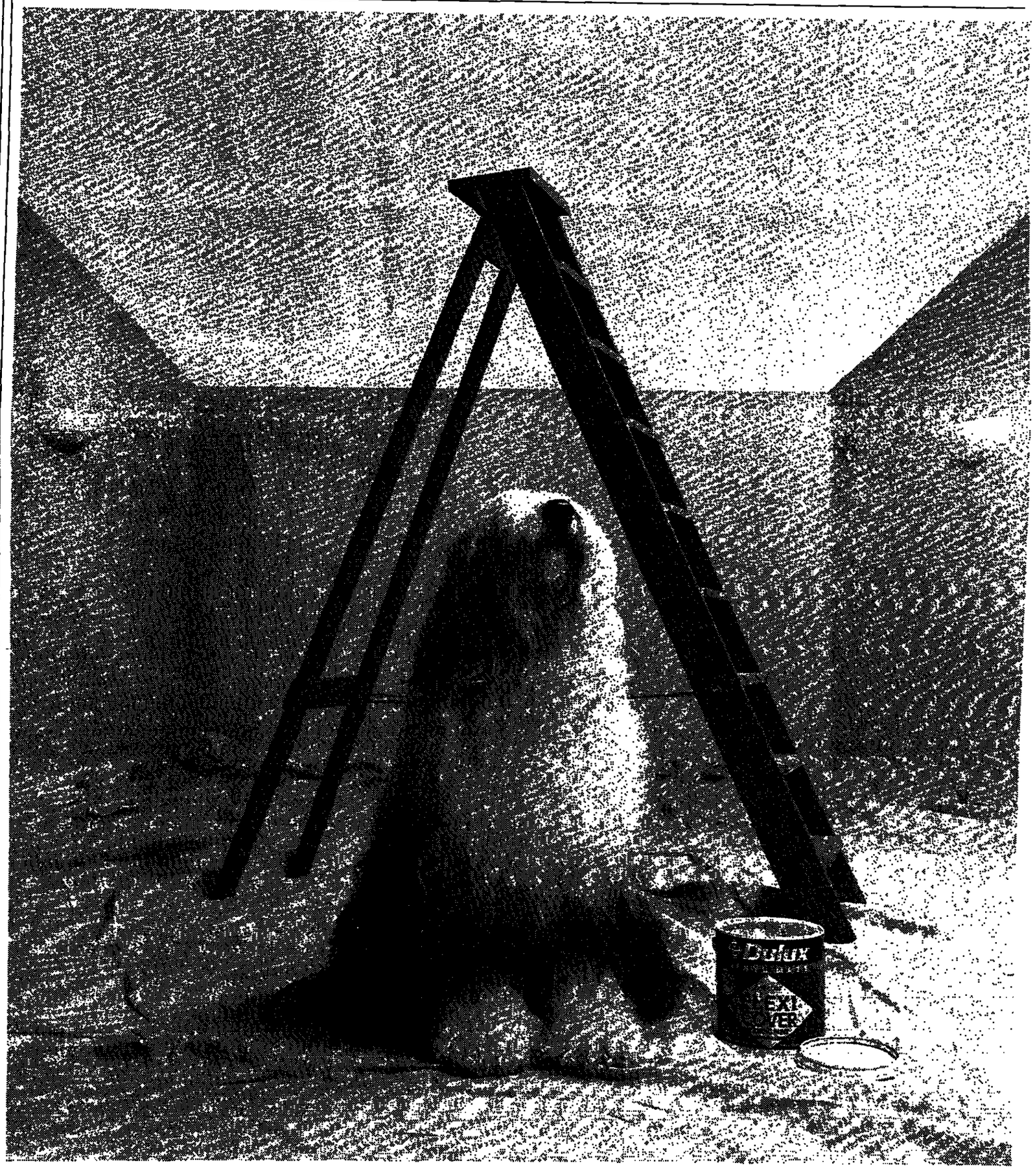
At the same time, it was disclosed that Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, was high on a list of targets for assassination found at the flat of Janusz Walus, the Pole accused of killing Hani. The police disclosed the existence of the hit list soon after Hani's death, but the nine names on it were not published until yesterday.

The ANC itself said yesterday that "suspicious" people had been seen near Mr Mandela's home in Johannesburg. *The Citizen* said Mr Mandela and his entourage had been followed home last weekend by a car behaving in an odd manner. The Namibian-registered vehicle remained near by for some time. Next day, it drove up and down the street, but by the time police arrived it had gone.

Joe Slovo, the veteran chairman of the South African Communist Party, was also on the Walus list. Johan Steyn, claiming to speak for the right-wing extremist Wit Wolwe (White Wolves), said Mr Slovo's name was also next on a list given to the South African Press Association with a statement warning "the following people to watch out that they don't act wrongly".

Those on that list are Winnie Mandela, the ANC leader's estranged wife, Mr Slovo, Louis Skweyiya (known as Zola), the ANC's director of constitutional affairs, Mr Mandela and Jay Naidoo, the trade union leader. Mr Steyn said: "I am telling you today, Joe Slovo is the next person we are going to murder. His name is first on the list."

The names on the Walus list, disclosed by *New Nation*, also included Mr Slovo's. Among others listed were R.F. "Pik" Botha, the foreign minister, and Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, head of the commission enquiring into violence and intimidation.



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Alexander Chancellor in New York

■ The public may be more opposed to homosexuals in the military than President Clinton imagined

Last time I announced in this column that spring had arrived in New York, I was rewarded with a huge blizzard that buried the city under several inches of snow. But that was almost a month ago, and now the season of hope and promise is sufficiently well established for such a disaster to be unrepeatable. It has been a particularly good week for President Clinton as he approaches the end of his first 100 days in office. In Washington, which is always beautiful at this time of year, he has been out and about among the hordes of visitors celebrating Easter, the cherry blossom festival, and the 250th birthday of Thomas Jefferson, with whom Mr Clinton feels a special affinity because, among other things, his middle name is Jefferson.

On Easter Monday, he presided over the annual Easter egg rolling ritual on the White House lawn in which all American children under eight are invited to participate, though they must expect to wait at least five hours to get in. He used the occasion to attack the Republicans in the Senate for holding up the passage of his jobs incentive bill, which includes a provision for the universal vaccination of children. "Look at those kids," he cried. "They are hostages of the Senate filibuster on the stimulus programme." When he wasn't attacking the Republicans this week, he was talking lyrically about the cherry blossom. "A rapturous sight of nature!" he declared.

Following the arrival of spring and Mr Clinton's success in focusing media attention on his programme for economic recovery, most people seem to have forgotten the embarrassing early days of his presidency, which became bogged down in disputes about illegal immigrant babysitters and whether homosexuals should be permitted in the armed forces. With the eventual appointment of a childless attorney-general, the babysitter problem was solved; but the issue of homosexuals in the military was merely put on the back burner, where this week it has quietly started to heat up again.

Appearing now in bookshops is a 784-page volume entitled *Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the US Military*, by Randy Shilts, who wrote an influential early book about the Aids epidemic, called *And the Band Played On*. His new book is the fruit of an exhaustive investigation into the situation of homosexuals in the military over the past 30 years. It chronicles cases of persecution, and describes the creation of a large homosexual subculture within the armed forces. Its purpose is clearly to provide evidence to encourage the implementation of Mr Clinton's election promise to lift all restrictions on homosexuals in the military — a pledge that has been vigorously opposed by the military top brass and by many conservatives in Congress.

Also published this week were the results, alarming for Mr Clinton, of a new survey of public attitudes on this issue. They challenge the findings of other opinion polls, which have created the impression that the American public is more or less equally divided about whether to lift the ban on homosexuals in uniform. This new survey, commissioned by a conservative foundation called the American Security Council, claims to show, on the contrary, that sentiment is actually about five to three in favour of keeping the ban.

This result was arrived at by asking more oblique questions than the previous pollsters, who, it was suggested, might have been lied to by people who did not wish to be thought of as homophobes. For example, one question not previously asked was "Do you think that people in your area favour or oppose forcing the military to accept homosexuals?", and the response to this was negative by more than three to one. If these findings are believed, they may seriously erode the president's support in Congress on the matter.

> A problem that was put on the back burner is heating up again

Inflaming passions on the other side this week was the acquittal, for lack of proof, of three American marines who had been accused of assaulting three men in a homosexual bar in Wilmington, North Carolina. One of the alleged victims, who is pressing ahead with a civil action against the marines, testified that they had set upon him with the war-cry "Clinton must pay!"

But in the light of all the noise and heat that this question has generated, and will soon generate again, the most surprising piece of news this week came in a new study of male sexual behaviour, the most thorough carried out in the United States since the famous Kinsey report of 1948.

This survey, by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, showed that only 1 per cent of American men considered themselves exclusively homosexual (although 2 per cent said they had engaged in homosexual activity at one time or another). The Kinsey report, by contrast, claimed that 10 per cent of American men were homosexuals, a figure that has been generally accepted ever since. With statistical assumptions shifting so dramatically to the advantage of the conservatives in the debate, Mr Clinton's already difficult task will become no easier.

There is more to changing the political ethos of a country than electoral reform, argues **David Hine**

What future for Italy without PR?

Tomorrow, Italians vote on a referendum proposal to abolish proportional representation for the Senate, the upper house of the Italian parliament. Two weeks ago, in a move in the opposite direction, the British Labour party's Plant commission on electoral reform came out tentatively in favour of the so-called "supplementary vote".

In both cases, reform proposals stem from a common concern: the lack of government turnover. In Italy this is attributed to PR and the irreplaceability of the centre parties; in Britain, Labour reformers attribute it to a first-past-the-post electoral system and a divided opposition.

By most standards the Italian problem is a good deal more serious than the British one. No British politician aspires to the longevity of the septuagenarian Giulio Andreotti, seven times prime minister since 1972, and no British party can boast an uninterrupted record in government comparable to Signor Andreotti's Christian Democrats.

The Italians, it is widely agreed, are crying out for change, not just of government, but of the entire political class. But what exactly does Italy have to learn from the British system? Can a referendum introducing first-past-the-post for 238 of the 315 seats of just one of the two chambers of the Italian parliament start the renewal process? And where, in a liberal democracy such as Italy, is an entirely new political class to be found?

The difficulty in answering these questions is that this weekend's referendum is only the first stage of the reform process. Those who wish to retain PR, especially among the smaller parties, will have plenty of opportunity to affect what follows. A referendum in Italy can only abolish part or all of an existing law. It cannot substitute a new one. Even if all goes well on Sunday, nearly a quarter of the Senate seats will still be allocated on a strictly proportional basis. Likewise, the strict PR of the lower house, equal in power to the Senate, cannot for technical reasons be changed by a referendum. So legislation will still be necessary to avoid the deadlock likely if the two houses are selected on entirely different bases.

If the vote for reform is at all ambiguous, it will give comfort to those who want to keep PR. Others, looking to the bi-polarity they think is produced in France by the second ballot, want to legislate for this system for both houses. The arguments that will follow the referendum could therefore still block real reform, or delay it until after the next election, which, with well over 100 MPs in the current parliament under investigation for corruption, cannot be delayed.

Even with first-past-the-post or a second ballot, the political effect is hard to predict. The largest party may win only just over 20 per cent of votes, and most others considerably less. So it is possible that several parties will still get back into parliament after the next election. The Northern League should get the reform vote in the north. In the centre, the former communist Democratic Left Party (PDS) will still dominate, and a recent opinion poll put the party well ahead of the Christian Democrats. In the south, voting patterns vary greatly, but the Christian Democrats are likely to hold on here, with the PDS and the southern protest group *La Rete* also picking up enough votes to win seats. In some parts of the country, moreover, the lay centre parties will probably club together enough votes to win seats. It could therefore take two or three elections to simplify the party constellation into a broadly bi-polar battle.

Andreotti: political longevity

At the very least, there would be only a partial turnover of the political class. If a significant element of PR is maintained, the smaller parties could still hold the balance in government. The north would certainly be represented by a new political party, though its representatives are an unknown quantity. Not long ago, the Northern League had a distinctively racist message on immigrants and southerners, and although this has now been toned down, other parties may still not wish to work with it.

As for the PDS, it would be ironic if "renewal" in Italy turned out to mean the arrival in government of a party which had only recently changed its name from the Communist party. While nowhere near as tainted as the Christian Democrats and their Socialist allies, the PDS has also been involved in some of the recent scandals, and hardly sells as new wine, despite the new bottle.

For hopes of renewal in the Christian Democrats, first-past-the-post could turn out to be a sick joke. The party is likely to do best in the south and in Sicily, but here individual candidates will fight highly personal campaigns. Their support — money, contacts, party workers — may well come from very dubious sources, not least organised crime. Efforts to clean up the party and make it more "northern" could be undermined at a stroke.

For other parties, it is true, single-member, simple plurality or second-ballot arrangements would allow voters, rather than reluctant party managers, to throw out the most corrupt. In this sense, there might be a replacement of individuals, if not of parties. But renewal also means a renewal of parliamentary behaviour, and here too, the effects of electoral reform may be mercurial. Many of Italy's past political ills have stemmed from parliamentary indiscipline. If voters — those in the south at least — think that they are choosing "constituency-orientated" men and women, rather than party programmes, they will not punish backbench indiscipline at a subsequent election. So achieving discipline as well as the parliamentary majority necessary to cut budget deficits, privatise the state sector and improve public services, may thus prove impossible.

As many shrewd Italians fear, therefore, Sunday's referendum, though a necessary first step, will be only the beginning. The effects of an electoral system in one country are not automatically reproduced in another country that adopts it, for history, social divisions and voter psychology differ. Voters and MPs have to learn new habits. Only then will renewal be certain to go beyond a change of faces and perhaps of party labels to the behavioural renewal that really counts.

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They die so that we feel better

The West's pointless intervention in Beirut should be remembered by those now urging action against the Serbs

Simon Jenkins

History is a bad tutor, but sometimes nothing else will do. Where else to turn when Hitler, Holocaust and appeasement are in the air, when Gallup declares that two-thirds of Britons want to go to war in Bosnia, when heartrending pictures drive us from the house of reason up into the hills of hysteria?

The date that we should remember this weekend is September 18, 1982. The place is Beirut. The seven-year-old civil war has escalated, with weapons pouring in on all sides. The killing fields are level. An Israeli army has invaded the country to secure peace and had failed. An American-led force has helped send the PLO leadership into exile, but militias, tribes, villages, families remain at each other's throats.

That September day, an appalling massacre occurred in the Sabra and Chatila camps in Beirut, packed with Palestinian refugees from the fighting. Whole families were dragged from their homes and butchered in the streets. To this day, nobody knows how many died, possibly more than a thousand.

The world did not stand idly by. President Reagan decided upon what an adviser later called "an emotional response to a tragic event". Within ten days, American marines landed, followed by a peacekeeping force of French and Italians. It was the third time since decolonisation that foreign troops had landed in Beirut. A 115-strong British contingent arrived in December. Their objective was to "keep the peace" while talks between the warring factions took place.

The reaction in Beirut was euphoric. Nobody had to compromise any more. Everybody could misbehave. No peace was kept. No productive talks took place. Fighting continued. The Americans sent more troops and began shelling Chouf villages from the *USS New Jersey* offshore. Peacekeeping became self-defence and then murderous aggression. The Americans suffered terrible reprisals, including a car bomb that killed 250 marines. This broke their spirit.

The adventure lasted a year. On February 8, 1984, British troops left. The foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, declared that they "could no longer fulfil their peacekeeping role in such dangerous conditions". The Americans departed on February 26, admitting "it hasn't worked". The war reverted to the *status quo ante*, and its horrors dropped from the headlines. Never was outside intervention more fruitless. It postponed the resolution of local rivalries required to end any civil war. The West's conscience was briefly eased, but at a terrible cost in lives. There followed another six years of conflict, until Lebanon's factions finally exhausted themselves. Today, at last, peace has returned to Beirut.

Beirut in 1982: Western forces could not impose peace. Must the UN face the same horrors in Bosnia?

Lebanon is not Bosnia. But Western reaction to Bosnia is beginning to resemble Western reaction to Lebanon. We must do something to stop the killing. We cannot stand idly by. We are part of the most powerful alliance in the world, with the biggest weapons, the best bombers, the moral suasion of the United Nations. We can do anything. Yet we are becoming, in Baroness Thatcher's phrase, "accomplices to a massacre". Let us declare who is wrong and go to war.

Even if there were a feasible military objective in Bosnia — perhaps the fortification of Sarajevo as a "UN protectorate" — I cannot see a political one. Muslims and Christians will one day have to make their own peace in Sarajevo, as in Beirut. Overtly arming the Muslims would merely encourage the East to give yet more weapons to the Serbs. I do not believe either Russia or the West means to risk the tragic escalation that followed Sarajevo 1914. But what lunacy is not possible when President Clinton, Paddy Ashdown and Lady Thatcher want to shake their fists at Slav revanchism across the mountains of Bosnia?

Some interventionists still claim air power alone can halt the Serb advance. This is irresponsible. To imply that bombers, the most overrated weapons of limited war, will do anything but cause embarrassment is absurd. Bombing has no more relevance here than it had in South Vietnam or Beirut, or indeed in the attempts to topple Gadaffi or Saddam.

All military intelligence rejects bombing as wholly ineffective in this theatre. Either those who now preach armed intervention are hypocrites, or they really mean to commit ground troops. Nothing is more otiose than to attack governments for doing nothing and then add "but I am against sending troops".

Hindsight in war is senseless. Policy must address the now, not the then. One thing in Bosnia is certain: a change in the status of the United Nations to that of combatant would kill more people. It would instantly bring an end to the humanitarian convoys. Serbia would regard all UN activity as hostile, and would retaliate accordingly. Britain and the West would be associated with any anti-Serb atrocities — of which there would be plenty — in the revitalised civil war. Ground troops would be vulnerable to guerrilla attack. Sooner or later their political masters would tire of the killing, the inconclusiveness, the shame. As in Beirut, they would retreat, their objective unattained. Whatever territory had been secured from the Serbs would revert to its previous insecurity.

I do not believe the British troops in Bosnia at present are presiding over a massacre or a UN humiliation. The maxim that charity should never carry a gun is a sound one and served the aid agencies well in Ethiopia. The Cheshires and the Royal Engineers took a huge risk in escorting the convoys, but they have fulfilled their remit immaculately. They have helped relieve the casualties of war without becoming parties to it. They have been neither participants nor referees. They have been the first aid tent.

Wars end when one side is beaten. Most of the killing takes place between the moment when defeat is certain and the moment when the defeated accept it. Outside intervention usually prolongs that killing gap: as I fear is the case in Srebrenica. As in Beirut, outside peacemakers offer the defeated a brief reprieve from reality. They also enrage the impending victor. Lady Thatcher should know this. She was enraged by Mr Reagan's peacemaking attempts as she approached her Falklands victory.

The Muslims are not going to win this ghastly war. It is irresponsible for the outside world to help prolong it, however grotesque the Serbs' behaviour. There is a role for intervention, but it is a difficult, unspectacular one: the provision, wherever possible, of humanitarian relief. That worthwhile task is now being sacrificed in a mad stampede to military action. We all want somebody else to die to show how much we care. This is obscene. After ten years, nothing is remembered, nothing learnt.

Burrowing Nimby

SWEET revenge for Tories railing against the government over its plan to take the Channel tunnel link through their leafy Kent constituencies. Labour's Tony Banks, who has been championing the current route through east London, has just discovered an awful truth: British Rail is planning to tunnel directly under his house.

A detailed map of the route through his Newham North West constituency arrived on his desk in the House of Commons this week with an anonymous message: "Is there anything personal in this?"

Banks says British Rail is inch perfect. "They've got it spot on. The link looks like it is going straight through my living room on the map," he says. "I'd laugh if it weren't my own house."

But BR says it's not so much through, as under. Banks, it says, should have no fear for his china, as high-speed trains hasten to King's Cross or St Pancras 75 ft beneath his Victorian home. "With modern techniques, we are not planning for houses to fall down as we tunnel underneath them," says John Bennet, a spokesman. "But we will conduct a survey of any house before we go underneath it — in case cracks appear later."

Though far from reassured, Banks will set aside personal interests for the sake of his constituents. But British Rail may yet grant him a reprieve. "Although we have a map, there are still geological factors to consider, and the route may yet change," says Bennett. "We've got nothing personal against Tony Banks."

Race almost run?

MATTHEW PARRIS, *The Times*'s celebrated parliamentary sketchwriter, is the first to admit that his Westminster career was a little short on historic moments. So it's not surprising that he's spending an anxious weekend wondering whether his most enduring achievement, the fastest MP's time in the London Marathon, is under threat.

The challenge in tomorrow's race comes, of course, from double Olympic gold medallist Seb Coe, Tory MP for Falmouth and Camborne.

Parris, who clocked the hugely impressive time of two hours 32 minutes 57 seconds in 1985, the year before he resigned his seat, is inconsolable at the prospect of losing his record. "It is all I have got," he wails. "Seb Coe has got world records and Olympic medals. He doesn't need this as well. It is the only monument to my career as an MP. I cannot bear to watch the race."

● *Sweet smiles at the headquarters of NutraSweet, the London marathon's sponsor,*

yesterday, even though the pre-race headlines were dominated by Mars, sponsor of the marathon from 1984 to 1988. Mars, of course, was revelling in all the free publicity that surrounded the rescue of the British climbers, who survived four days in the Russian mountains on a diet of the chocolate bar. "We're not bitter," said a NutraSweet spokesman — just a little artificially?

Not a word

COULD it be that those office luxuries are simply too tempting to let on? Surely Andrew Tyrie, Norman Lamont's erstwhile political adviser, could have told him about the state of play at the notorious European Bank for Reconstruction and Development?

Tyrie is, after all, in an ideal position to inform Lamont of the marbled splendour at the bank's London headquarters. The wizard economist and former Tory candidate moved from the Treasury to the bank last year, and is now employed as its expert on Macedonia and Croatia. But when asked yesterday if he felt compromised by Lamont's sudden interest in the bank, he displayed a masterly economy with words: "I have not got anything to say. I really haven't got any comment." Probably had a private plane to catch.

● *It's not only Labour MPs who are backing Baroness Thatcher's call to arms. On Radio 4's* Any Questions? *as far back as December, Glenys Kinnock was singing a similar tune. Questioned about Bosnia, Mrs Kinnock said: "I feel we need to have military intervention. I think we need to deal with the heavy artillery which is above Sarajevo and we need to have air attacks to stop what is happening..."*

Romeward bound?

WHEN Ann Widdecombe finally sets off on the path to Rome next week, John Gummer may not be far behind. The agriculture minister has decided not only to attend the service at which Widdecombe will be received into the Roman Catholic church, but to take an active role as well.

Leading Roman Catholic MPs John Patten and David Alton will sponsor Widdecombe. John Gummer, who resigned from the Synod over the issue of women priests, will read the lesson in St Stephen's Crypt at the Commons — heightening speculation he will soon announce his own departure from the Anglican church.

Playful memories

THE ACTOR Alastair Sim, best known as the cross-dressing principal of St Trinian's, is to be commemorated in his native Edinburgh by Sir Ian McKellen. The theatrical knight directed Sim in Ronald Mavor's play, *A Private Matter* at the Lyceum Theatre in 1973.

McKellen first proposed the idea of marking Sim's birthplace two years ago, while playing Richard III in Edinburgh. On April 29, he will unveil a plaque on Film House, just a few yards from where Sim was born.

A FLYING start to the cricket season for John Morris, who scored the first century of the year for Derbyshire against Cambridge University on Wednesday. But it has been suggested that his form was inspired by an April 1 phone call from team-mates, who convinced him that David Gower had replaced Gooch as England captain.

Morris has been a friend of Gower — seen here in pre-season training — since they took to the air in Tiger Moths during an Australian tour in 1991. They infuriated officials by buzzing the ground to celebrate Robin Smith's return to form. Both men will be hoping Smith returns the compliment this season.

McKellen says: "Any actor of my generation making a list of their favourite actors would have Alastair Sim at the top.

"Apart from being a wonderful professional, he was one of life's great eccentrics. He would never give autographs, and turned down a knighthood because he thought everyone was equal. He thought no one should have a vote over the age of 30."

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TURNING POINT

From Guernica to Srebrenica: the power of a name

The electronic images of a far-off war are fleeting and quickly fade from the collective memory of a nation. Yet the Serbian siege of Muslim refugees in Srebrenica seems to have triggered a different response. Baroness Thatcher's fierce attack on Western policy in Bosnia on Tuesday night has added vigour to a listless debate: it has also focused the nation's attention on the ill fortune of a single town under bombardment. If Western politicians now choose the eleventh hour to draw up a credible Balkan strategy, historians of the future may cite the grim sufferings of Srebrenica as a turning-point.

For all its bloody ferocity, the Balkan war has failed to create sustained public interest in this country. Less than a year ago, British television cameras beamed around the world the ghastly images of the Serbian concentration camp at Omarska in northern Bosnia.

The horribly resonant sight of skeletal figures caged in barbed wire was enough to prompt western governments to send troops into the fray. But, just as quickly, the pressure for action ebbed away. British politicians still await a public mandate for military intervention.

That mandate may indeed emerge from the cruel pageantry of Srebrenica. Such traumas often prove to be defining moments in the history of a country. In 1937 the bombing of Guernica by German bombers sent to help Franco by Hitler was critical in mobilising anti-fascist opinion in western Europe: a moment of horrific revelation captured on canvas by Picasso's brush. Likewise, the Tet offensive a quarter of a century ago was the shock to American pride which ultimately forced the long and painful retreat from Vietnam. Other examples come from other ages — from Thermopylae to Alamein.

Yet it is hazardous to romanticise history into a plotline of sentimental "turning-points". On this issue, the different historiographical schools of the 20th century are united. The great Fernand Braudel's study of deep historical structures — history of *la longue durée* — urged historians away from study of discreet historical events, while the contemporary revisionist school has doubted the power of emotional reaction to overcome self-interest. A revisionist studying the current Balkan crisis would be less interested in the impact of Srebrenica's plight on the British public than in the likelihood that other Conservative politicians will dare to follow Lady Thatcher's rebellion against her successor's foreign policy.

The moments in war that generate public support are not always those that win them. The "dambusters' raid on three Ruhr dams half a century ago boosted morale but in its anniversary year it is under fierce fire from historians as strategic nonsense. Few Britons today recall the great victories of the battle of the Atlantic which safeguarded the Allied convoys. Yet its military significance far oustripped that of the dambusting Operation Chastise.

A bloody siege can focus and electrify the emotions. But most of history's true turning-points are less extravagant and take place in quiet rooms in chancelleries. A survivor of the Warsaw ghetto noted yesterday that the horrors of Srebrenica merely revealed that the indifference of governments to slaughter had not changed in the past 50 years. The people of Bosnia will need more than a week-long surge of compassion; it is political will, not popular sentiment, that will bring hope to their shattered land.

MAASTRICHT MANOEUVRES

The Commons should be allowed a vote on the social chapter

Not often does *The Times* find itself on the same side as Dennis Skinner, the Labour MP for Bolsover who prides himself on combining wit and insult in equal measure. But on Thursday he talked much sense. In an impassioned onslaught against the Deputy Speaker's decision not to allow a vote on the social chapter during the committee stage of the Maastricht bill, Mr Skinner pointed out that while other EC countries were being allowed referendums, the House of Commons was not even being allowed a vote, as long as the government faced defeat.

This saga will not go down as a glorious chapter in the annals of British parliamentary history. The arguments are arcane, but no less important for that. Broadly, the House was faced with two amendments on the social chapter: 27 and 75. The former presented the best chance of forcing the government either to accept the chapter or to abandon the treaty altogether. The latter simply forced a debate on the social chapter before the government transfers powers from Westminster to Brussels.

Michael Morris, the Deputy Speaker, announced two weeks ago that he would allow a vote on 75, but not on 27. Then, on Thursday, the government unexpectedly announced that it would accept amendment 75 without a vote. Still Mr Morris refused to allow a vote on 27, even though this meant that the House would have no chance at all during the committee stage of the bill to divide on the social chapter.

Uproar broke out, with Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, speaking for many when he said that "people far beyond the confines of the Chamber will think the House of Commons has been cheated of a legitimate vote". Mr Skinner described the decision as "a stitch-up" and "a conspiracy with the government of the day". It does seem extraordinary that, on the one issue on which the government could have been defeated at committee stage, a vote has not been allowed.

But the omission can, and should, be rectified. The bill will return to the House of Commons for its report stage, when it will be presided over by the Speaker herself, Betty Boothroyd. Amendments will then be taken at her discretion, but the rule of thumb is that matters fully debated and decided at committee stage do not come up again at report stage.

The social chapter may have been debated, but it has certainly not been decided. The Maastricht bill has spent 20 days in committee but not one vote has been taken on this issue. Even though Britain has an opt-out from the provisions of the chapter, it will still have to bear its share of the cost of the accompanying bureaucracy. British taxpayers should not be expected to accept this without their MPs being given a chance to vote on it.

Miss Boothroyd may be tempted not to call an amendment similar to 27 for fear of seeming to be undermining her deputy. In truth, she would greatly enhance the reputation of those who sit in the Speaker's chair by allowing such a vote. Any whiff of connivance between the Speaker and the government is damaging. This would give her the perfect chance to demonstrate the independence of the institution she represents.

Even if the Commons is not given a chance to vote, the House of Lords may do so. If peers passed a similar amendment, it would come back to the Commons and a vote would then have to be taken. The government has almost finessed its way through the committee stage of the Maastricht bill. But the opposition to the treaty still has high cards to play.

LIFE ON MARS

A mountain adventure ends in glory for a chocolate bar

Capitalists pondering the risks of investing in Russia should take heart this weekend. Their trail has been blazed, once again, by the ultimate endurer, the Mars bar. On the strength of three bars each, four British climbers survived five days in the Caucasus mountains, in blizzard conditions and temperatures plunging to minus 30C at night.

Motivation, physical fitness, teamwork, a lighter and Lady Luck may have contributed to the happy ending to this Russian adventure. So may the warmth from the shepherds' huts they burnt down and will doubtless now offer to replace. But when Roger Payne of the British Mountaineering Council commented on their escape with the words, "Well equipped for the trip as the party obviously were . . . ", he can only have meant the Mars bars: apart from a litre of water each, that was all they had.

You might think that the rejoicing in the Mars marketing department would be second only to that of the men's families, but this latest episode is as naught to previous triumphs, no more than an extra chocolate coating on the company's 61-year-old history of caramelised glories. Think back to 1981 when the *Financial Times*, provoked by the giddy spiral of sterling inflation, introduced the Mars bars standard as the "ultimate unit of consumer wealth" and a reliable way to calculate historic prices and incomes. In the high and palmy days of the early Thatcher era, a graduate at ICI could buy 41,000 Mars bars with his annual earnings, 8,000 more than in the Blitz. But then, Mars bars were the forces' sweetheart in those days, distributed during sweet rationing to Naafi canteens throughout the world.

So impressive has the consistency and stability of the new coinage been since its first issue in 1932 that the government might with profit propose it in Brussels, as an ingenious compromise between the Ecu and the emerging German preference for a "Euromark". All that being "at the heart of Europe" takes is a little marketing vision. The Jockey Club, which disqualified an Ascot winner in 1987 because it had eaten a Mars bar, might object, but the Jockey Club's image these days could do with help from the wizards of Slough.

The Mars bar is no mere miracle of packaging. But the name may help: judging by the successes of Galaxy and Milky Way, there is clearly some subliminal association in British minds between chocolate and the universe. Mars has obligingly calculated that although the British eat 2.7 million bars a day, it would take them 574 years to eat the 40 million miles' worth of bars stretching between Britain and the planet.

Perhaps this week's heroes diverted themselves as they trudged to safety by calculating how many chews lay between them and Mars. But calculation seems not to have been their forte. It turns out that the famous four ate all their Mars bars on the first day. They survived the other four on snow. The Snow Marketing Board must be delighted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Arms dilemma in Bosnian conflict

From Professor Geoffrey Lee Williams

Sir, Your judicious leader ("Taking Bosnia seriously", April 15) commends the logic of Lady Thatcher's robust suggestion (report, April 14) that the West should take action in Bosnia, but implicitly repudiates her specific proposal to arm the Muslims. You rightly prefer Lord Owen's more measured endorsement of selective military action.

The realism of Douglas Hurd should not be berated simply because it is the logical outcome of *realpolitik*. There is indeed, as your leader says, no "lack of strategic acumen" in the case against those advocating arming the Bosnian Muslims.

Surely such a course of action would inevitably put the United States and Russia on a collision course? Crudely put, does Boris Yeltsin matter more to the West than the fate of a phantom state?

Greater Serbia is now a fact. To put the vanquished Muslims before the wider interests of the West would be foolish in the extreme. It is therefore a vital Western interest to avoid undermining Mr Yeltsin in the forthcoming referendum.

Victory for the Russian nationalists would, almost certainly, result in open support for the Serbs, with the West and the Islamic states coming under increased pressure to arm the Muslims.

As Simon Jenkins argues ("Armchair strategists, keep clear", April 14), there is no ideological justification for military intervention — Nato or UN — beyond humanitarian help.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY LEE WILLIAMS,
University of Cambridge,
Centre of International Studies,
History Faculty Building,
West Road, Cambridge.
April 15.

From Mr F. Barschak

Sir, However much one may disagree with Malcolm Rifkind's views on the conflict in Bosnia, one thing he cannot be accused of is lack of clarity.

His statement (report, April 15) that arming the Bosnian Muslims would "prolong the conflict and make it even bloodier and more vicious" is unexceptionable, because the natural consequence of the exercise by victims of aggression of the right of self-defence is that, once the victim is supplied with the means thereof, considerable numbers of aggressors, rapists, ethnic cleansers and mass murderers then *do* die or are wounded.

The consequence of not supplying the victim with arms is that then only victims die. And when all the victims are either dead or expelled then, indeed, the war stops.

Those who deny a victim of aggression the means of self-defence, when those means are readily available and relatively inexpensive for this country, are indeed accessories to the continued slaughter of those victims, and to the defenders abroad and the justifiers at home of a policy that is sickening, heartless, needless and wrong.

Yours faithfully,
F. BARSCHAK,
107 Greencroft Gardens,
South Hampstead, NW6.
April 15.

From the Secretary of State for Defence

Sir, In your leading article you state that I described as "emotional nonsense" Lady Thatcher's contention that Bosnia is within Europe's sphere of influence and "should be within Europe's sphere of conscience".

I made no such response. Indeed, I agree with that aspect of Lady Thatcher's remarks.

What I described as "emotional nonsense" was Lady Thatcher's accusation that the British and other Western governments were "accomplices to massacre" (report, April 14).

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM RIFKIND,
Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall, SW1.
April 16.

From Mr Jack Arkinstall

Sir, Mr Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christchurch, in referring to Lady Thatcher as "this former Finchley fishwife" (report, April 15), does nothing to improve the very low rating of the Tory party. You can disagree with someone without being obnoxious.

Yours sincerely,
JACK ARKINSTALL,
99 Beech Road, Selsey,
Chichester, West Sussex.
April 15.

From Mr P. C. Le Mesurier

Sir, There is something astoundingly absurd in Lady Thatcher criticising the government for its jelly-like spinelessness, its incomprehension of integrity, and its limitless capacity for appeasement. It was, after all, these very qualities in its members that caused her to prefer them in the first place.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LE MESURIER,
Winterset, The Drive,
Godalming, Surrey.
April 15.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Motor vehicles versus walking boots in the green lanes

From Mr Gwyn Thomas

Sir, A 100 hp, three-axle tractor/trailer combination weighs up to 28 tonnes. A solo trail motorcycle and rider weigh about 200 kg, and cause no more erosion to a green lane than do walking boots ("Off-road cars face legal ban on ancient country paths", April 9).

At a local footpaths' society AGM last week it was pointed out that parties of up to 60 ramblers often set out at weekends.

There is no "motorised menace" in our country (leading article, April 9), only the prejudices and grave misconceptions which argue for exclusive rights on our ancient highways.

I use green roads on foot, hoof and wheel. I am prepared to share them with others. But if selfish walkers want reserved rights of way, let them keep to the 100,000 miles of definitive footpaths and stay away from our threadbare (5 per cent of the total) network of green roads.

Yours etc,
GWYN THOMAS,
Minories, Wells Road,
Priddy, Wells, Somerset.
April 9.

From Mr Alexander C. Young

Sir, In England and Wales in excess of 125,000 miles of rough tracks are available to walkers and less than 5,000 miles for drivers. In Scotland the position is even more heavily weighted in favour of walkers: only one road (the Corrieyairack pass) of some 15 miles is a vehicular right of way.

Most off-road drivers belong to four-wheel drive clubs, and great emphasis is placed on driving without damaging the countryside. Ramblers are not "sprayed with mud" or "deafened by engines" as your leading article says because off-road runs take place at walking speed, when engines are very quiet.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER C. YOUNG
(Green Roads Officer,
Scottish Land-Rover Owners Club),
21 Corrour Road, Glasgow.

From Mr David Leigh

Sir, I own a four-wheel drive vehicle and occasionally use green lanes, and I assure you that I am neither noisy nor damaging in my progress. Admittedly, a small minority are either ignorant of any action about damage or just couldn't care less.

Your point that such lanes are used primarily for leisure does not allow for the fact that a high proportion of tarmac roads, especially in scenic areas, are used for the same purpose.

The way forward is not through a total ban on all vehicles but through education and co-operation. For those who want to demonstrate their off-road skills there are many excellent private courses, in addition to clubs in every area.

Yours sincerely,
D. LEIGH,
Market Square, Llay,
Wrexham, Clwyd.

From Mrs J. L. Crosby

Sir, The countryside is not a great empty space available for all to use as they choose. It is the farmers' workshop and where people live, and it is an accepted principle that we work for the good of the majority even if the interests of a minority have to be restricted.

In Weardale there are currently four applications by a motor-biking organisation for the recognition of paths as byways, which would become usable by motorised vehicles. If these applications should be successful many more may follow, for this dale has many green lanes, old lead-mining routes and quarry men's paths.

It is easy to understand the view that it is best to accept the right of vehicular access and attempt to regulate the traffic. However a law is only as effective as its enforcement and effective policing is unlikely given the closure of many rural stations.

Promulgators of the ancient laws would have had only farm carts in mind. Four-wheel drive vehicles and motor bikes driven for fun could not have entered into their thinking.

Yours faithfully,
JUNE H. CROSBY,
Old School House, High Street,
Stanhope, co. Durham.

From Mrs Cecil Colyer

Sir, In the report and leading article about byways one relevant point was not mentioned. Byways may not be ploughed, whereas footpaths and bridleways may be unless they follow a field boundary such as a hedge, although they must later be restored. Thus there is an incentive to remove flanking hedges.

Trail bike-riding is a Duke of Edinburgh award scheme sport and riders observe a strict code of conduct. Traffic-regulation orders can set speed limits and exclude four-wheel drive vehicles.

What is preferable for the public: a beautiful green lane with its flowers and wildlife habitat and an occasional party of trail riders, a pony trap, or even four-wheel drive vehicles, or a cultivated field?

Yours faithfully,
R. COLYER
(President, Common Land Cause
(The Countryside Society)),
Orchardene, Candys Lane,
Shillingstone,
Blandford Forum, Dorset.

Challenge for the religious to focus on God's reality

From the Rector of Ashtead

Sir, From a self-confessed agnostic came the most compelling Easter message I have heard this year. Thank you Matthew Parris (article, April 12) for your succinct synopsis of the Christian gospel, and your incisive challenge to the Church, especially the Church of England.

Preoccupation with the status of women, forms of worship, new-found interest in morality, clerical gear, establishment and the rest is rearranging the furniture in a house which is less and less lived in, if not actually on fire.

These issues are only of interest to residents. How many national church leaders proclaimed to non-residents the heart of the Easter message that the God of the New Testament does exist, Jesus Christ is alive?

I believe Matthew Parris would indeed drop his job, sell his house, throw away his possessions, leave his acquaintances and set out into the world burning with the desire to know more, and when he had found out more, to act upon it and tell others if Easter were true.

The first Easter constrained hundreds to do just that because they discovered that God was real. That is what changed the world, not secondary stuff about the Church.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER HUGHES,
The Rectory, Dene Road,
Ashtead, Surrey.
April 13.

From Mrs Anthony O. R. Mitchley

Sir, I always enjoy and respect Matthew Parris's opinions as a columnist, but how sad I feel on reading his article. Is it necessary for everything in life to be validated? Is there no room in his thinking for belief based on trust, for the inexplicable, for things beyond understanding?

Yours sincerely,
JANET L. MITCHLEY,
Tompsets Bank House,
Forest Row, Sussex.
April 13.

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto

Sir, Matthew Parris's dilemma about the existence of God reminds me of my days in the mid-1950s as a rabbinic student in New York City.

Dr Henry Slonimsky, the dean emeritus, bellowed at his classes: "Boys, nobody believes in God: you are selling stock in trade which disappeared 300 years ago." He would then add cryptically: "God is at the end of history, not at its beginning, but you cannot preach it!"

Twenty years later, on the Jewish new year and in a Liberal synagogue in Ealing, I did preach that hardly anyone in my congregation believed in God. Only one congregant questioned my proposition.

Ironically, had I dared to alter a traditional tune of one of the popular Hebrew hymns, there would have been a great outcry.

The answer to Mr Parris's question, "Why do people debate the future of the Church when they have not made up their minds about the existence of God?" is simple. It is easier to deal with the periphery than the basics.

As Mr Parris says: "And if God does not exist then surely the Church falls apart." Sadly, most of us in the "religious" business seek to maintain the protective fences around our institutions to prevent us from acknowledging that their foundations are crumbling.

Human beings have the weakness of going everywhere but to the heart of the matter, which in this instance is God.

Faithfully,
SIDNEY BRICHTO
(Senior Vice-President), Union of Liberal & Progressive Synagogues,
The Montagu Centre,
12-14 Clipstone Street, W1.
April 13.

From Mr Bernard Driver

Sir, Matthew Parris enquires whether we would pay into a pension fund if the insurance company were a fiction.

Of course not if we knew it to be a fiction. But it would be a different matter if its existence were possible, if it had been persuasively advertised, and if the promised reward vastly exceeded the premium.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD DRIVER,
Poplars Farm Cottage,
Curdridge, Hampshire.

Slang origin

From Mr Brian Jewell

Sir, Your obituary (April 10) of Bobby Mitchell, the outstanding left-winger for Newcastle United in the 1950s, states that "the phrase 'Bobby Dazzler' was coined to admire his talents".

Not so. The expression "bobby dazzler" was in common use in the North East long before Bobby Mitchell's time. Dictionaries of slang give its date of origin as c.1890, perhaps derived from "bloody dazzler".

On the other hand some Geordies believe it stems from "bobby", meaning a shilling, and the conspicuous splendour of an object so highly priced.

Yours etc,
BRIAN JEWELL,
Broadwater House,
30 Park Parade,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
April 13.

Holiday road toll

From Mr N. J. Tipple

Sir, Over the last few years a new media ritual has emerged at the end of a bank holiday: the reporting of the grisly record of accidental deaths which have occurred over the period.

On April 13 a headline refers to 21 road deaths as being "carnage" (despite the fact that with a daily average of 11.7 deaths, 21 is well below the norm for a four-day period and should therefore be regarded with some relief).

Why is there this macabre fascination for such coverage? Is it merely that being a bank holiday, there is not a great deal to report? I find this practice deeply distasteful.

Yours faithfully,
N. J. TIPPLE,
Ashley Manor Lodge, Ashley,
Kings Somborne, Hampshire.
April 13.

Musical fame

From Mr Michael Pipe

Sir, Richard Morrison's article (March 30) on the success of Henryk Gorecki and the apparent neglect of other lesser known composers raises the whole question of what differentiates an unfamiliar composer from one who is known, yet whose music remains essentially unknown.

A prime example of the latter would be George Frideric Handel, whose music everybody thinks they know but in practice is limited to a very small proportion of a large output which only now is being explored and recorded for the first time.

There are more than a dozen more oratorios which deserve performances on a similar frequency to *Messiah*. It seems it is the old story of "better the devil you know".

To a certain extent, we are still in the grip of the cult of the repertoire established during the last century, in which certain composers (invariably Austro-German) are deemed to have dictated the course of musical development.

The result is that in writing about Cherubini, John McMurray describes his *Coronation Mass* as having "an extraordinary . . . Beethoven-like ruggedness".

If Cherubini's operas of the 1790s were better known, it would be seen that in fact it is Beethoven who strove to emulate Cherubini, whom he acknowledged as his favourite composer.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PIPE,
27 Ardmere Road,
Hither Green, SE13.
April 5.

Women's pensions

From Mrs Èithne H. Lewis

Sir, As a married woman in my fifties, who stayed at home to bring up a family and therefore have only a few years of stamps towards a pension at whatever age, while agreeing that the state of marriage has changed (Mr Latter's letter, April 12), I resent the suggestion that I should not have a state pension on the strength of my husband's stamps and have to rely on income support.

Over the 23 years we have been married I have saved the state a great deal of money by having my career "at home", as is regularly calculated by those who know.

I do agree, though, with Mrs Borcherds's letter (also April 12) that those of us in our fifties should have an interim arrangement if women's pensionable age is raised to 65, as it is now far too late to make other arrangements for those extra five years we will have to wait.

Yours faithfully,
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April 12.

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Beyond the buffers

From Mr A. G. Iafrate

Sir, Surely we must be coming out of recession — the unions are coming out on strike!

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY G. IAFRATE,
Canterbury Tales,
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Reigate, Surrey.
April 13.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 16: By Command of The Queen, Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Lithuania and bade farewell to His Excellency on Her Majesty's behalf.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 16: The Prince Edward this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from New York.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 16: The Prince of Wales, Patron, British Deer Society, today attended the Stalker's Day, during the Annual General Meeting, at Blair Atholl.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 16: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this morning visited Hammersmith and Fulham Druglink, at 153 Hammersmith Road, London W14.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 16: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by the Lady Barnard at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Dowager Lady Barnard at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Staindrop, Durham, today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 16: The Duke of Kent, Chairman, Trustees of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences (United Kingdom Fund), this morning attended the Annual Trustees Meeting at the Industrial Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon presented the Awards at the National Technical Lecture and Awards Ceremony at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC1.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

TONY WHITE

Artistic move: Dr Gerald Moore, on the steps of the Sussex country house he is selling after 30 years. Dr Moore, who began his career as a child star acting opposite Sir John Mills and Petula Clark and later qualified in medicine and dentistry at Guy's, will use some of the money from the sale to set up an art centre in North Devon. He is selling Heathfield Park, a grade two listed building and its 160-acre estate for an estimated £850,000. The house has many historical connections and was the home of General Elliott, who was later made Lord Heathfield in recognition of his defence of Gibraltar in 1779-82. The grounds were painted by Turner. The house contents will be auctioned by Sotheby's on the premises for an estimated £300,000 on May 19. Dr Moore, who bought Heathfield Park in 1963, has always been a keen painter and shared an exhibition with David Hockney in 1961. He has started a charity to reopen a 19th century Gothic-revival church in central Barnstaple, and hopes it will become an art centre for North Devon where he now lives. He said yesterday: "If the sale goes well and I'm left with enough money I intend to make a very sizable dowry to North Devon. It would consist of cash and pictures by British and Australian artists I knew in the 1950s. There is also sculpture by Sir Charles Wheeler, the former president of the Royal Academy."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.M. Adams and Miss J.J. Boulby
The engagement is announced between Paul Martin, son of the late Mr Raymond Adams and of Mrs Adams, of The Park, Nottingham, and Joanna Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Boulby, of Ossington, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Mr M.C. Emmott and Miss A.J.I. Wiley
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Dr and Mrs R.A. Emmott, of Heath, West Yorkshire, and Alice, daughter of the late Major J.H. Wiley and Mrs D.A. White, of Lincoln.

Mr A.P.H. Hadley and Miss A.L. Parker
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hadley, of Coverack, Cornwall, and Anna, daughter of the late Mr J. Parker and of Mrs Parker, of Maldon, Essex.

Mr T.J.S. Hall and Miss K.D. Kenny
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mrs Aubrey Hall and the late Mr Aubrey Hall, of Brighouse, West Yorkshire, and Kim Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Kenny, of West Wickham, Kent.

Lord Hawke and Miss B.M. James
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of the late Lord Hawke and of Lady Hawke, and Bronwen, daughter of Mr W.T. James, BVMS, MRCVS, and Mrs James.

Mr A.C. Jones and Miss M.G. McGann
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Jones, of Usk, Gwent, and Maria, daughter of Dr and Mrs A.L. McGann, of Clontarf, Dublin.

Mr K.K. Bleeker and Miss M. Trevelyan-Clark
The engagement is announced between Kevin, elder son of the late Mr V. Bleeker, and of Mrs S. Bleeker, of Denver, Colorado, USA, and Marguerita, daughter of the late Major D.W. Trevelyan-Clark, and of Mrs U. Trevelyan-Clark, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr C.P. Carter Keall and Miss K.M.E. Bentley
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr Philip Keall, of Brislington, Bristol, and Mrs John Carter, of Brentry, Bristol, and Karin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Bentley, of Aldwincle, Northamptonshire.

Mr D.S. Kenyon and Dr J.A.M. Cook
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr Roger Kenyon, BEM, and Mrs Kenyon, of West Wittering, West Sussex, and Jennifer, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Cook, of Broadstairs, Kent.

Mr F.C. Stiff and Miss H.E. Mirrielees
The engagement is announced between Francis, only son of Mrs Peter Reinheimer, of Sarasota, Florida, and the late Mr R.T. Stiff, and Hillary, only daughter of Mr James F. Mirrielees, of River Hills, Wisconsin, and Mrs Douglas Beers, of the Dominican Republic. The marriage will take place in Florida in October.

Flight Lieutenant A.J. Whalley and Miss C.J. Rowe
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr Alan Whalley and Mrs Patricia Whalley, of Melbourne, Australia, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mr Graham Rowe and Mrs Jill Cary, of Chelsea, London.

Birthdays

Today
Mr Lindsay Anderson, film and theatre director, 70; Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 77; Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 63; Mr John Barrett, tennis commentator, 62; Miss Joan Clague, former director of nursing services, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 62; Miss Ruth Etchells, former principal, St John's College, Durham, 62; Miss Clare Francis, novelist and former yachtswoman, 47; Mrs Anne Harris, former national chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 68; Mr James Last, bandleader, 64; Viscount Margesson, 71; Mr Ricardo Patrese, racing driver, 39; Mrs Dora Saint (Miss Read), writer, 80; Mr Christopher Sporborg, a vice-chairman, Hambros, 54; Mrs Eileen Stamers-Smith, former headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 64; Mr Michael Vernon, former chairman, Spillers, 67; Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, entomologist, 94; the Right Rev J. Yates, Bishop at Lambeth, 68.

Tomorrow
Dr C. Booth, vice-chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, 50; Sir Walter Clegg, former MP, 73; Sir Roger de Grey, president, Royal Academy, 75; Mr Alan Devereux, former chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 60; the Marquess of Donegall, 77; Miss Sylvia Fisher, soprano, 83; Mr Brian Fuller, commandant, Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, 57; Mr David Gee, former director, Friends of the Earth, 46; Sir Peter Hordern, MP, 64; Mr Peter Jeffrey, actor, 64; Lord Mason of Barnsley, 69; Miss Hayley Mills, actress, 47; the Rev Dominic Milroy, OSB, former headmaster, Ampleforth College, 61; Baroness Platt of Writtle, 70; the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts, former Bishop of Ely, 85; Sir Teddy Taylor, MP, 56; Sir Edgar Unsworth, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 87.

Royal engagements

TOMORROW:
The Princess Royal, as Patron of Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the rugby world cup sevens final at Murrayfield at 11.00.

School news

Charterhouse
The Cricket Quarter starts tomorrow. B.J. Akker is Head of School and L.J. Webb Captain of Cricket. Exeat will be from Saturday, May 29, to Wednesday, June 2. The Quarter ends on Saturday, July 3, which is also Old Carthusian Day. A lunchtime concert will be given by the String Orchestra at St Martin-in-the-Fields on Monday, April 26. A Reunion will be held at the School on Saturday, October 16, for those in the School during Long Quarter 1969 and who left in or before Oration Quarter 1976. (Details from the Recorder).

Queen Margaret's School, York
The Summer Term at Queen Margaret's School, York, will begin on Thursday, April 22, and end on Saturday, July 3. Leave-out will be from Friday, May 7, to Sunday, May 9, and Half-term from Friday, May 28, to Thursday, June 3. Dr Geoffrey Chapman succeeded Mr Colin McGarrigle as headmaster in January. Amanda Gill continues as Head Girl; Jemima Riley is Captain of Tennis. Sir Kenneth Dover will deliver a public lecture entitled "Right and Wrong in the Greek World" on Thursday, June 10, and Professor Jasper Griffin will be guest speaker at Speech Day on Saturday, July 3.

Memorial Mass

The Count of Barcelona
The Spanish Ambassador and Doña de Aza attended a memorial Mass for Don Juan de Borbón y Battenberg, Count of Barcelona, celebrated by Father Joseph Gabiola yesterday at St James's, Spanish Place. Mgr F.A. Miles and Father Jean-Marie Charles-Roux were robed and in the Sanctuary.

Reception

HM Government
Sir Hector Monro, Minister for Sport at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle to mark the 1993 Rugby Football World Cup Sevens.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Rev Dr C A Lewis; 3.15 E, Responses (Grier), Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton), This joyful Eastertide (arr. Johnston); 5 Scouts' Service for St George's Tide, Rev J A Thackray; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev C C Barlow.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch & Holy Baptism, Sonata in A (Mendelssohn second movement), Schubert in B flat, Sonata in A (Mendelssohn first movement), Canon Ronald Jones; 3 E; 6.30 NP, Mr John Barratt.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Vice Provost; 11.15 Sung Euch, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Mozart in B flat, Ave Verum (Elgar), Vice Provost; 3 St George's Day Service; 6 Choral E, The Lord bless you and keep you (Rutter), Responses (Rose), Canticles (Stanford in C), Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Canon David Knight.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Te Deum (Ireland in F), Jubilate, Canon Christopher Biddell; 11.30 Choral Euch, Sumsion in F, Love is come again; 2.15 Scouts Service; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Moeran in D, O Love Divine (Caesar); 6.30 ES, Canon Christopher Biddell.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP (Gethsemane Chapel); 8 The Communion (Lady Chapel); 10.30 Cathedral Euch (with Cathedral Guides & Solihull School), Collegium Regale (Howells), O nata lux (Tallis), A prayer of Henry VI (Ley), Canon Gerald Hughes; 5.30 E (with Solihull School), Call to remembrance (Farrant), Responses (Statham), Collegium Regale (Howells), O for a closer walk (Stanford).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Stanford in B flat, My soul, there is a country (Parry), Canon Coppin; 11.30 HC & Baptism, Darke in F, O sing joyfully (Batten), Canon Pedley; 3.30 E, Stanford in C, Greater love hath no man (Ireland).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), I am the resurrection and the life (Wilkinson), Organ: Fantasia Chromatica (Sweelinck), The Precentor; 3.45 E, Preces (Tomkins), Great Service (Byrd), Christ rising (Byrd), Organ: Chorale in A minor (Franck).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, New People's Mass (Murray), The Precentor; 11.15 M, Canon Peter Dadd; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 Matin & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Ven R H Roberts; 9 Parish Euch, Ven R H Roberts; 11 Sung Euch, Sumsion in F, Surgens Jesus (Philips), The Dean; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Wesley in E, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Shepard); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Rev Boon-Hor Khoo.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Canon Albert Radcliffe; 6.30 E.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Wood in F, Christ the Lord in risen again (Rutter), Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Provost; 3 E, Sumsion in D, He that spared not his own son (Alcock), Canon Roger Royle.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Librarian; 10 Sung Euch, The Lord is risen (Rose), Mass for Four Voices (Byrd), The Dean; 6 E, Responses (Rose), Gloucester Service (Howells), Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), The Deacon.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Jackson in G, Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Rev D C Goodman; 11.30 M, Britten in C, Ye choirs of New Jerusalem (Stanford); 3 E, Darke in F, Light of the world (Elgar), Preb D R Miller.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Rose), Britten in C (Jubilate), Sumsion in G (Te Deum), Regina coeli laetare (Lassus), Canon Anthony Harvey; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa Brevis (Kodaly), Verily, Verily (Tallis), Sister Hilary Markey; 3 E, Responses (Leighton), First Service (Leighton), Let all the world (Leighton), Rev Edwin Robertson; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Canon Paul Bates.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Missa Regina caeli (Palestrina), Confitebor tibi, Domine (Lassus), O sacrum convivium (Victoria); 10 MP, 2.30 Organ recital; 2.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Suriano), Maria Magdalene (Gabrieli).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, London Cantata Mass (Vann), The Great Service (Byrd), Hail! Easter bright (Moorse), Ven Leslie Stanbridge; 11.30 M, Responses (Moorse), Collegium Regale (Howells); 4 E, Gloucester Service (Vann), Done is a dragon (Kelly), Rev Douglas Brown, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Missa Parodia (Trepte), Now the green blade riseth (Nouveles), Canon Residentiary.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Fr Anthony Barratt.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, Vidi speciosem (Victoria), The Minister; 11.30 Science Festival Service, Jubilate Deo (Britten), The Minister; St Giles' at 6, St Mary's Music School Orchestra; 8 ES, Rev David Macleod.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Sumsion), Te Deum & Benedictus (Gibbons Short Service); 11.30 HC, Darke in F, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 3.15 E, The Second Service (Gibbons), See the world incarnate (Gibbons).

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Rev G Greig; 6.30 Choral E.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Spatzenmesse (Mozart), I got me flowers (Vaughan Williams), Rev C L Geake; 6 E & B, Sumsion in G, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Rev C A Jones.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Dr John Stott; 6.30 Choir Anthem: Celebrate the King is alive, Rev John Cook; 8.30 Children of Romania in Concert Tour, in aid of Hospice Casa Speranzei.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1, 11 Missa quinti toni (Lassus), This joyful Eastertide (Wood), Maria Magdalene (Gabrieli).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Tu virginem corona (Mozart), Canon Roger Royal; 12 HC; 6 E, Rev P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11 Sing Praise to God (Whitlock), Rev Hector G Ross; 6.30 Dr Peter F Green.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 Fr Francis Edwards, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo (Haydn), Exultate justi (Viadana), Ave verum corpus (Mozart).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, Mr Michael Coates; 11 Informal Service, Mr Jeremy Jennings; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Nicholas Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Messe solennelle des Paques (Gounod), Ardens est cor meum (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B Ad regias agni dapes (Washington).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Bach Vespers, Cantata 67 "Halt im Gedächtnis Jesum Christ" (Bach), Concerto in D for three violins, Capt Vincent W Carroll, US Navy Europe.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M & HC, Boyce in A, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), The Rector; 6.30 Choral Euch, Short Service (Tallis), When the Lord turned again (Batten), Rev Anthony Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Ireland in C (Jubilate), Missa Bel'Amfitrit (Lassus), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Organ: Victimae paschali (Tournemire), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Purcell in G minor, If ye be risen again with Christ (Gibbons), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 M, O God, when thou appearest (Mozart), Rev David Mackenzie; 12.15 HC.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Mass I (plainsong).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Stanford in A, Magdalene cease from sighs (Hurford), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Rev Kevin Eastell; 6 E, Mr Alasdair Coles.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Organ: Carillon Orientis Partibus (Wills), Rev Derek Watson; 6.30 E, O Bone Jesu (Radcliffe), Rev Derek Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Merbecke, Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), For the beauty of the earth (Rutter), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Organ: Praeludium in C (Bach); 11.30 Visitors Service, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Responses (Rose), Jubilate, Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), Organ: Prelude and Fugue in C (Böhm); 5 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Walmisley in D minor, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Nun danket alle Gott (Bach); 6.30 ES.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Fr Augustine Hoey; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Merbecke Mass, Rev Peter Wells.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Beati quorum via (Stanford).

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Dies Sanctificatus (Palestrina), Cognoverunt Discipuli (Byrd), Regina Coeli (Morales), Fr John Towers; 6 Compline & Benediction.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Let God arise (Locke), Rev A H H Harbottle.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Wood in E, The Lord is King (Boyce); 3.30 E, I will lift up mine eyes (Walker), Wood in G, If ye be risen again (Anon circa 1560).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Rev Richard Marsh.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: CHAPEL CLOSED.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC. No further services due to London Marathon.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Respones (Rose), Te Deum Laudamus (Howard Thomas in G), Jubilate Deo (Howard Thomas in G), Woman why weepest thou?, Organ: Concerto No.6 in D major (Handel/Best).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Easter Hymns, Carols & Readings, Band of the Coldstream Guards; 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: Services resume 25 April.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: John Ford, dramatist, Ilsington, Devon, baptised this day, 1586; Henry Vaughan, poet, Llansaintffraed, 1622; Edward Stillingfleet, bishop, Cranborne, Dorset, 1635; James Thom, sculptor, Lochlee, Tayside, 1802 (he died on this day, New York, 1850); Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1863; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, excavated Ur of the Chaldees, London, 1880; Nikita Khrushchev, premier of the USSR 1958-64, Kalinovka, 1894; Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, Madison, Wisconsin, 1897; Billy Fury, singer, Liverpool, 1941.

DEATHS: Mme de Sévigné, writer, Grignan, France, 1696; Benjamin Franklin, statesman and scientist, Philadelphia, 1790; Eddie Cochran, singer, Chippenham, Wiltshire, 1960.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Sir Francis Baring, banker, Larkbear, Devon, 1740; Louis-Adolphe Thiers, 1st President of the Third Republic of France 1871-73, Marseilles, 1797; George H. Lewes, philosopher, dramatist and scientist, London, 1817; Anthero de Quental, poet, Azores, 1842; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, London, 1882.

DEATHS: John Leland, antiquary, London, 1552; John Foxe, martyrologist, London, 1587; Erasmus Darwin, physician and poet, Derby, 1802; Sir Robert Smirke, architect, Cheltenham, 1867; Ottorino Respighi, composer, Rome, 1936; H.A.L. Fisher, historian, London, 1940; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Princeton, New Jersey, 1955; Ben Hecht, novelist and film writer, New York, 1964.

Dinners

Norfolk Lieutenancy
The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk and Lady Mary Colman were entertained by the Deputy Lieutenants of Norwich at dinner last night at the Hotel Norwich. Captain Jonathan Peel, Vice Lord Lieutenant, presided.

Association of British Neurologists
A dinner was held last night in Keele Hall, Keele University, to mark the spring meeting of the Association of British Neurologists. Dr J.R. Heron, president of the Association, presided. The Very Rev Dr John Lang, Dean of Lichfield, and Professor Brian Fender, Vice-Chancellor of Keele University, also spoke.

Intelligence Corps
Sir Roderick Braithwaite was the guest of honour at the 38th annual dinner of the Intelligence Corps Officers' Dinner Club held at Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent, last night. General Sir Charles Guthrie, Colonel Commandant, presided and the other guests included:
Lieutenant General Sir Peter Duffell, Major General P D Alexander, Major General G M G Swindells and Lieutenant Colonel Dr A H le Q Clayton.

Knighthood

A knighthood is to be conferred on Mr Justice Kerr, QC, on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court in Northern Ireland.

Retirements

Mr Justice Hollings and Mr Justice Sheen are to retire as Judges of the High Court on April 19.

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The God who created the world and everything in it and who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands.
Acts of the Apostles 17:24
Sat 17th April

BIRTHS

ALFORD - On 12th April 1993, to Cathryn (née Birch) and Paul, a son, Alexander George.

ALI - See Haider.

BRIGGS - On April 14th, to Melissa and Peter, a daughter, Harriet Phoebetle, a sister to Freddie.

DJUKIC - On April 2nd, to Melissa (née Geddes) and Zoran, a daughter, Natasha.

GROOM - On 10th April, to Sarah Jane and Mark, a daughter, Thalia Rose, weighing 8lbs 6½oz, a sister for Zoe Catherine.

HAIDER - To Salman and Samina (née Ali), a son born 8th April 1993 in Orlando, U.S.A.

MALLIN - On 15th April, to Marie-Louise and Anthony, a son, Frederick Harry Granville, a brother for Josephine.

MULVENNA - On 10th April 1993, to Eleanor and Paul, a daughter, Claire Louise, a sister for Daniel.

ODAM SMITH - On April 15th, to Posy and Marcus, a son, Rory William, a brother for Phoebe.

PRATT - On April 14th, to Sarah and Piers, a son, Douglas, brother to Louisa and George.

SMITH - On April 5th at St Helier's, Carshalton, to Helen (née Hermanstein) and Derek, a son, Adam Charles Fearnley, a brother for Charlotte, a half-brother for Lydia and Sarah.

WOODWARD - On 13th April, to Norma (née Johnson) and Michael, a daughter, Jessica Charlotte Louise.

DEATHS

CARVER - On Easter Monday April 12th 1993, peacefully at home, James Hudner Carver T.D., F.R.C.S., in his 96th year. Beloved and precious husband of Penelope for 42 years and devoted father to William. Requiem Mass and funeral at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street, on Friday April 23rd at 10 am followed by private cremation. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon (071) 937-0757.

COLBOURNE - Dr. Michael James O.B.E., F.R.C.P., F.F.C.M., D.P.H., on 13th April 1993, suddenly at home in London. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 23rd April at 10.15 am. Family flowers only please, all friends welcome.

DAIN - Alison Katharine, peacefully on 16th April. Much loved daughter of Jack & Edith, and sister of Sheila, Maureen & Janet; much valued teacher and friend. Funeral & Thanksgiving Service on Thursday 22nd April at 12.30 pm at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, SW1. "In Thy presence is fulness of joy" Psalm 16:11. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Michael's Church Restoration Fund or to Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common Northside, London SW4.

GEARY - On Wednesday 14th April 1993, suddenly at home in Macclesfield, Neville Rex Geary, aged 64 years. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 21st April at St Alban's Church, Macclesfield at 11 am followed by interment in Macclesfield Cemetery. Enquiries Co-operative Funeral Service, tel: (0625) 422583.

GILLIE - Mary, on April 14th, aged 84, suddenly but peacefully. Intrepid and well travelled mother and grandmother, loved and appreciated by family and friends everywhere. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 2 pm on 28th April. No flowers. Enquiries to Oliver Gillie (081) 693-4583. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, SW1.

GORDON - On April 15th 1993, suddenly in hospital, Lewis Macdonald, Major RA (Ret'd), aged 74 years. Very dearly loved husband of Patricia, adored father of Penny and Richard, loving 'Papa' of Timmy, Emma and Jamie. Funeral Service at Emmanuel Church, The Ridgeway, Wimbledon, at 9.30 am on April 21st, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. 'With Christ which is far better'.

HARTMAN - On Easter Sunday, peacefully in Penzance, Cornwall, of Multiple Sclerosis after a long illness, Iain, beloved son of the late South African born sculptor and painter Emiel Hartman and of Claudia and younger brother of Mark. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, SW1, on Wednesday 21st April at 2 pm.

HAWKSLEY - On April 14th peacefully at Pencombe, in his 90th year, John Callis Hawksley, C.B.E., M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P. Formerly Dean of University College Hospital, London. Husband of the late Dr. Margaret Hawksley and father of Jane, Nick, Tom and Polly. Funeral at East Kennett, near Marlborough, 12 noon Thursday April 22nd.

HODGSON - On 14th April 1993, Audrey aged 72 years of Woodhall Spa, Lincs. Loving wife of the late John and mother of Ian and Kevin. Funeral Service St Peter's Church, Woodhall Spa, on Wednesday 21st April at 2.15 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired for either the Army or R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o M. England Funeral Director, Louth Road, Horncastle, Lincs, tel: (0507) 523385.

HOPKINS - On 13th April at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Dr. Hubert George (Hugh) Hopkins OBE, aged 80. Husband of Marjorie and father of John and the late Martin. Funeral Service St Jude's Church, Englefield Green, 2pm Tuesday 20th April, followed by cremation at Woking Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care or Sue Ryder Foundation. Enquiries to F. Harrison & Son (0784) 432163.

MERRILL - On April 14th, at Down House Nursing Home, Plymouth, John aged 86 years, beloved husband of Dorothy (deceased), dear father of Sally and Jennie, much loved grandfather of Jonathan and Nicola. Funeral Service on Wednesday April 21st at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, 1.45 pm, thence Efford Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations, in lieu, may be sent to Dr. Barnados. All enquiries to Walter C. Parson, tel: (0752) 666456.

PARKINSON - Euphane, on 14th April, widow of the late George Parkinson, loving mother of Valerie Dawes and Susan Cobham and loving grandmother to their children. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Kirkby Fleetham, on Tuesday April 20th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Mary's Church Tower Fund.

ROBERTSON - On 8th April, Kenneth Croom (Keith), very dearly loved husband of Margaret (Margot), after a long illness faced with great spirit and courage. Funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds, on Friday 23rd April 1993 at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation to W.A. Deacon Funeral Services, High Street, Lavenham, Suffolk, CO10 9PY.

SMITH - On 14th April, peacefully, Frank. Beloved husband of Renée and father of the late Frank. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.15 pm Tuesday April 20th. No flowers but donations may be sent to St Raphael's Hospice, London Road, North Cheam.

WEBB - On April 12th 1993, peacefully at home, after a long illness so bravely borne, David Howard, Freeman of the City of London. Beloved husband of Betty Ann and dearly loved father of Simon, Caroline, Melanie and Angela. Grandpa to Lianna, Samantha, George and Charlotte. Funeral Service at St James Parish Church, Bushey, Wednesday April 21st 2.15 pm, followed by private family cremation. Flowers to Hemley Funeral Directors, Park Road, Bushey, Herts, or donations to Cancer Research.

WINCHESTER - On 14th April, peacefully at Tolworth Hospital, Lamont McIntosh. Beloved husband of Dorothy and father of Clive and Shirley, grandfather and great-grandfather. All enquiries to T.H. Sanders & Sons, 12 Upper Ham Road, Ham Common, Ham, Richmond, Surrey.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

MURRAY - Valerie Adrienne. Died 17th April 1992. Thoughts of you remain Evergreen. Love Anne.

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OBITUARIES

LESLIE CHARTERIS

Leslie Charteris, creator of *The Saint*, died on April 15 aged 85. He was born in Singapore on May 12, 1907.

LESLIE CHARTERIS was one of the world's most popular thriller-writers. Later generations may have known the Saint mainly from television, but for anybody who grew up in the 1930s the original stories are powerfully nostalgic. They were translated into 15 languages, constantly reprinted in cheap editions and made into a number of indifferent films. Even in retrospect their success is not hard to understand. Charteris gave his fast-moving plots a light veneer of sophistication, literary elegance and humour, which, although it soon attracted imitators, distinguished him sharply from his more leaden contemporaries. Subsequently, however, the Saint passed through a curious variety of transformations. In 1992, twenty years after publication of the last authentic Saint novel and fifty years after the peak of the author's productivity, the Crime Writers' Association gave Leslie Charteris its Diamond Dagger Award for a lifetime's achievement.

Leslie Charles Bowyer Yin was born in Singapore. His father, Dr S. C. Yin, was a Chinese surgeon, a descendant of the Shang emperors: his mother was English. Although Chinese and Malay were his first languages, he was brought up on authors such as Rider Haggard, Conan Doyle and E. W. Hornung and was particularly fond of the pirate stories in *Chums*. When he was ten, he tried his hand at writing and illustrating a magazine of his own. He was sent to England at the age of 12, to preparatory school and then to Rossall, which he did not much enjoy. He went on to King's College, Cambridge, but came down after a single year, because, as he put it, "I figured I'd been educated enough" and had decided to become a writer. His father, who wanted him to be a lawyer, was furious. They were afterwards reconciled by letter but never met again.

Deprived of parental support, he took an exotic range of temporary jobs, which included gold mining and pearl fishing in Malaya and spells in Britain as a bartender, professional bridge-player and auxiliary policeman. He changed his name by deed-poll to Leslie Charles Charteris Bowyer-Ian, the Charteris being borrowed from Colonel Francis Charteris, an 18th-century gambler, duellist and founder-member of the Hellfire Club.

His first book, *X Esquire*, about a fiendish plot to destroy Britain with poisoned cigarettes, was published in 1927. He followed it with several other quite lively but unremarkable thrillers. His third novel, *Meet the Tiger*, in 1928, featured a debonair hero called Simon Templar, known from his initials as the Saint. It made no special impact, but when, the following year, Charteris began writing for a new twopenny weekly, called *The Thriller*, this was the character which struck Monty Haydon, the brilliant controlling editor of boys' papers for the Amalgamated Press, as worth developing.

At around the same time Charteris moved his books to Hodder and Stoughton, which, with Edgar Wallace, E. Phillips Oppenheim and Sapper on their list, were then the leading publisher of thrillers. The Saint was relaunched with a tremendous fanfare of publicity. Seven hardback volumes, containing stories which had originated in *The Thriller*, were published within the next two years. The haloed "sign of the Saint" was derived from the stick-man figures with which Charteris had illustrated his boyhood magazine. The now fully developed character embodied piquant contradictions which sprang perhaps from Charteris's own peculiar background — English but not quite English, ruthless but very polite, a gentleman but never a clubland hero in the Drummond and Hannay mould. Among the best and most typical examples from that vintage period are *The Last Hero* (1930), *Getaway* (1932), *The Saint in New York* (1935) and *Prelude for War* (1938). The only non-Saint book was a translation, *Juan Belmonte, Killer of Bulls: The Autobiography of a Matador*, in 1937.

Charteris himself spent much of the 1930s in either Hollywood or Florida and, in 1946, became a naturalised American citizen, although he returned eventually to live in England. He wrote comic strips and radio scripts and mixed socially with the Hollywood film community. "We had fun," he said, "and the money was good." He worked on a number of films, including not only some of the Saint series but *Lady on a Train*, with Deanna Durbin, and *Tarzan and the Huntress*.

Being in America when the war broke out, he stayed, and took the Saint across the Atlantic as well. *The Saint in Miami* (1941) is an anti-Nazi thriller; by implication, a plea for America to join the war. After Pearl Harbor he deliberately sobered the Saint down, because he thought the old swashbuckling style no longer appropriate. Instead the Saint became a semi-official counter-spy, and, after the war, an amateur detective drifting around the glamour spots of the world, more anxious now to help friends in distress than to lift boodle from the ungodly. "The Saint has matured," said Charteris, "like me. He's become respectable." He wrote a monthly short story for *The Saint Mystery Magazine*, and published collections of these instead of new novels; they were never as good as the full-length books but they kept the market turning over. He founded the Saint Club, which raises money for a children's hospital, and then for a youth club, in the East End of London.

The Saint in New York, featuring Louis Hayward, was the first and most accurate screen representation: later films, with George Sanders, became indistinguishable from routine private eye thrillers. There were three television series; in the 1960s starring Roger Moore, in the 1970s starring Ian Ogilvy and in the 1980s starring Simon Dutton. Charteris quite liked the first two series: the producers of the third failed to consult him, though they were pledged to do so. Some of the better scripts were "novelised" ostensibly by Leslie Charteris but actually and admittedly by other hands. Charteris did, however, supervise these hybrids carefully, arguing that popular characters were frequently revived after their creator's death, and, by allowing it to be done while he was still present, he could at least ensure that the *ersatz* version stayed reasonably faithful to the original. "For an old Saint fan," sighed one critic, "reading them is like chewing plastic." The last book written by Charteris himself was *The Saint in Pursuit* (1971), with a plot adapted from one of his comic strips.

Many people, he would acknowledge, thought that the 1930s had been the Saint's best period. They were right. Those early tales had a gaiety and a gusto which no one else quite matched. They contained plenty of violence but of a cheerful kind ("Saturday night is bath night, brother", says the Saint as he knocks a villain from a bridge into the river) but with no hint of sadism or squalor: nor was there any sex beyond an occasional, and purely formal, romantic interest. They were appreciated by schoolboys but well enough written to be enjoyed by intelligent adults. These standards at least were scrupulously maintained throughout the later years when the fashion in thriller writing had changed. He addressed himself, he said, "to upright citizens with furled umbrellas and secret buccaneering dreams."

He was married four times: to Pauline Schiskin, who bore him a daughter, and from whom he was divorced in 1937; to Barbara Meyer, from whom he was divorced in 1941; to Elizabeth Bryant Borst, from whom he was divorced in 1951; and, in 1952, to Audrey Long, a former actress, who cared devotedly for him and for the Saint.

SYLVAIN FLOIRAT

Sylvain Floirat, one of France's most celebrated industrialists, died on March 14 aged 93, at Nailhac in the Dordogne, where he was born on December 28, 1899.

SYLVAIN Floirat was the personification of the shrewd French country boy who goes to the capital, outwits the sophisticated Parisians and amasses a fortune.

During his long career he ran airlines, headed Breguet, the aircraft manufacturer, developed the Matra defence company as well as the French colour TV system, Secam, and built Europe No 1 into France's most influential radio station.

The son of the Nailhac postman, Floirat left the local school at the age of 12 with only the basic elementary school certificate in his pocket. He became an apprentice cartwright, but followed the advice of his teacher to go to Paris to study industrial design and accountancy. Years later, he liked to recall that he had only 30 francs in his pocket when he arrived in the capital where he enrolled in a trade school.

After a period as a vehicle bodymaker, he created a firm selling automobile parts in 1927. A decade later, he had become a maker of buses and a road haulier. At the Liberation, he obtained a government concession to run bus services to the south and southwest of France. It was the start of a long collaboration with the state.

His business grew rapidly after the French Air Force granted him a contract to transport men and material to Indo-China where the war with the Vietminh was under way. Floirat's airline, Aigle-Azur, had other routes to Morocco and Tunisia.

Floirat made a huge profit on selling Aigle-Azur to the transport conglomerate, Chargeurs Réunis, for £250 million. The airline became UAT, forerunner of UTA, now absorbed by Air France. Another deal with the government followed when he invested his repatriated profits in Breguet-Aviation, makers of military transport planes, notably a double-decker "workhorse" aircraft. During his 12 years as chairman, he restored the company's fortunes before selling it — over lunch — to his friend, Marcel Dassault, manufacturer of French fighters.

In 1955, at the suggestion of the then prime minister, Edgar Faure, he had bought shares in a company controlling a new radio station Europe No 1 which was facing financial problems. Two years later, he became chairman and built the station into the one that set the nation's agenda for the day, encouraging a generation of journalists.

Floirat had long-standing ties with government. General de Gaulle backed his development of Secam, the French colour TV system, a source of national pride, and Floirat maintained it was the role of industrialists "to work for France". Yet he stood up to government in 1962 when riot police charged demonstrators against the Algerian war. It was a major scandal at the time but, despite a warning from the then prime minister, Michel Debré, Floirat supported his radio reporter's version of events. Shortly afterwards, the government switched some orders from Breguet to Dassault.

Floirat meanwhile had built Matra into a major defence company specialising in missiles. He handpicked his successor, Jean Luc Lagardère, but kept major holdings in his companies and stayed on the board of Hachette, the publishers, another part of his group.

It was not until he was well into his seventies that Floirat began to withdraw from active participation in his leading companies. Despite his relentless drive for profits, he was known for his paternalistic attitude towards his workforces, recalling how he himself had been an experienced workman by the age of 16. He also liked to say that he still had "30 francs in my pocket". In fact, he kept a sum close to £1 million in his office safe.

His thick Dordogne accent with its rolled Rs remained with him throughout his life. Later years saw him turn his attention to his native region where he established a model farm for apples, walnuts and truffles — he was honorary president of the French federation of truffle producers. He launched a foundation for young farmers and then extended it to help young people in various sectors across France.

He remained mayor of the tiny village of Nailhac for more than 30 years and would drive over from his chateau to have a drink with the villagers in the local bistro.

He is survived by his daughter.

RALPH GORDON-SMITH

Ralph Gordon-Smith, president of Smiths Industries, died on March 29 aged 87. He was born on May 22, 1905.

RALPH Gordon-Smith was the great grandson of Samuel Smith, the South London jeweller whose clock-making and repair business provided the foundation for today's international industrial company, Smiths Industries. His association with the company covered 66 years and he played his full part in its growth, particularly in the postwar era when for 22 years (1951-73) he was chairman, combining the role with that of managing director for most of the period.

He stood down as managing director in 1967, by which time the company was employing 22,000 people and earning record profits on a record turnover. On his retirement as chairman he was invited to become the company's first president, and he remained a director until 1978. He held the honorary position of president until his death, bringing the active involvement of the Smith family in the business to a total of 142 years.

When Ralph Gordon-Smith was born, Smiths stood among England's foremost clock and watch-makers, and the company was finding a new outlet for its skills with instruments for the emerging motor industry. The family firm went public in 1914 and when he joined in 1927 the young Ralph already had the benefit of two years' experience with chartered accountants Whitehill Marsh, a year with Kodak, and six months at the Talbot car company in France. By 1930 he was responsible for the company's export effort and in 1933 he succeeded his late grandfather on the board. His father was Sir Allan Gordon-Smith who stood down as managing director in 1947 in favour of Ralph, but continued as chairman until his death in 1951 when Ralph was invited to succeed him.

Keen to project his own management style, it was Ralph Gordon-Smith who established the principle of decentralisation. When he introduced the concept in 1957 it was part of what he called his "Three Ds" policy — Decentralisation of operations; Delegation of authority and responsibility; and Diversification of products.

Throughout much of the period when he was the company's senior executive, Smiths was a household name in the UK, as much for the extensive use of its products as for the level of its technological development. It was the foremost name for clocks and watches, while for British motorists Smiths was synonymous not only with car instruments, but for the great advances in car heaters and for pioneering developments in radios (sold under the Radiomobile name).

Much of the strategic direction he set for the company is also reflected in the scope of today's business activities. It was during Ralph Gordon-Smith's chairmanship that Smiths developed the world's first automatic landing systems for aircraft, providing the technological expertise underpinning the avionics activity that is now Smiths Industries' largest business. Similarly, important moves were made into medical products, during this period.

As chairman, he strove to foster good employee relations. In 1960 he granted staff status to 3,000 manual employees, improved pensions and other benefits, and built more houses for employees. The cost, he said, would be balanced by "greater stability of trained labour . . . and benefits in terms of loyalty, responsibility, and community of enterprise."

In retirement Ralph Gordon-Smith lived in West Sussex with his wife Beryl whom he married in 1932. They had no children.

JOHN PATRICK SULLIVAN

John Patrick Sullivan, Latinist, translator, literary historian and critic, died in Santa Barbara, California, on April 9 aged 62. He was born in Liverpool on 1930.

JOHN Sullivan's two volumes of *Critical Essays on Roman Literature: Elegy and Lyric* (1962) and *Satire* (1963), which he edited for Routledge, had a radical impact on the teaching and literary investigation of Latin authors. They contributed substantially to, and helped generate, a critical revolution in Latin studies throughout the English-speaking world. Other important books followed, including *Extra Pound and Sextus Propertius* (1965), *The Satyricon of Petronius* (1968), and a (now canonic) translation of *Satyricon* (1965).

John Sullivan was educated at St John's College, Cambridge (where he obtained a double first in Classics), and held fellowships at Queen's and Lincoln Colleges, Oxford (1954-61), before moving to the United States.

A portrait of Sullivan by by Clive Barger

From 1961 to 1969 he was a professor at the University of Texas at Austin, where he participated in the founding and editing of the classical literary journal *Arion*, which generated strong conservative reaction by promoting the critical investigation of ancient literature above reductive philological commentary.

In *Arion* appeared Sullivan's celebrated retrospective of the English literary journal *Scrutiny*.

From Texas Sullivan moved to New York State University at Buffalo, where, as faculty Professor of Arts and Letters until 1978 (and himself a poet), he continued to foster literary criticism and the art of translation.

As editor of *Arethusa*, he championed new theoretical approaches to the classics, especially that of feminism. His *Propertius* (1976) belongs to this period, as does the beginning of his important work on *Martial*.

Sullivan's final professorship at the University of California at Santa Barbara (1978-93), was marked by accelerated critical activity, which resulted in books on women in antiquity (1984), Neronian literature (1986), early imperial verse (1991), contemporary critical theory (forthcoming), and three books on Martial, most importantly *Martial: The Unexpected Classic* (1991), which is expected to be the standard account for generations.

Belief in friendship and intellectual discourse as defining human values informed John Sullivan's life. In his last days, before losing the battle with a most cruel cancer, he insisted on giving two seminars to his graduate students. He is survived by his devoted wife Judy, who sustained him to the end.

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From Our Naval Correspondent

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, April 16

Spaciousness is the keynote of Britain's first nuclear submarine, HMS Dreadnought, which commissions for service with the Royal Navy at the shipyard of Vickers-Armstrongs here tomorrow. Built at a cost of £18,055,000, she is the most expensive vessel ever built for the Navy.

The fighting heart of the Dreadnought lies amidships two decks below the towering 30ft. sail or conning tower. The captain, Commander B. F. P. Samborne, has two power-operated periscopes and the firing position for the torpedoes is relayed from a point not two yards from him. There are six torpedo tubes.

On the starboard side of the captain's periscope position navigators strapped in aircraft-type pilots' seats operate the hydroplanes fore and aft and steer the boat; immediately adjacent is the system's console which regulates the diving and trim of the vessel.

Much of the equipment in the Dreadnought is still secret but Commander Samborne said today that new methods of torpedo control would enable the submarine to dispense with extravagant salvos when firing to cover all possible target manoeuvres.

Junior ratings are accommodated in bunks, with privacy ensured by purple curtains. Coloured sleeping bags replace blankets and are likely to become general issue in all submarines.

The nuclear reactor, which was bought complete from America, was not part of the submarine which was on view today. It will not be operating until the submarine goes to sea at the end of the week. Some figures of the Dreadnought given today were: length 266ft. beam 32ft. surface displacement about 3,500 tons and ship's company 11 officers and 79 men.

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HMS Dreadnought, Britain's first nuclear-powered submarine, cost over £18 million to build and was said to be the most expensive vessel ever built for the Navy.

SECRET MINUTES AT NASSAU CONFIRMED

FROM OUR DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Defence yesterday confirmed the existence of unpublished minutes to the agreement under which Britain is to buy Polaris missiles from the United States. They said that the minutes did not affect " the rights and obligations contained in the agreement and envisaged in the Nassau communiqué ".

The Ministry of Defence also confirmed that Britain and the United States are negotiating the establishment of an anti-submarine test centre in the Bahamas. They said that although no agreement had yet been reached and that no firm location had yet been decided the area has the kind of depth variation which makes it suitable for the purpose. The proposed test centre, it is understood, has no direct connexion with the Polaris missile system and the suggestion that it is to be used as an operational base for nuclear submarines or as a replacement for the existing United States base at Guantanamo in Cuba is discounted by military sources in London.

LOMBARD LONDON -

With 25 years of folklore behind it, the rally that fired the world's imagination is hitting the long road again. **Vaughan Freeman** reports

The greatest adventure on four wheels

The Lombard London-Sydney Marathon, which sets off today from Chelsea harbour in London, is a triumph of hope over realism. Over the next five weeks, 212 adventurers in 106 cars will drive 11,500 miles half-way round the world, passing through a dozen countries. Every car is of a type that was on sale 25 years ago, and they will have nothing but the spare parts they carry with them for back-up.

The event has been planned to commemorate the first London-Sydney, which got under way a quarter of a century ago, in 1968, and it is the greatest motoring adventure since then.

That earlier race, the *Daily Express* London-Sydney Challenge, offered competitors the promise, not just of glory, but of a £10,000 cheque for the winner. Its heroics, achievements and stories of derring-do inspired an anthology of folklore that lives on today.

This time there are no prizes. Even the idea appals Nick Brittan, the organiser of the event. "Prize money? Good heavens, no," he says. "This is a gentleman's event." Brittan was inspired by the grip that the 1968 marathon still has on the imaginations, not just of sports fans but of anyone with sympathy for the outlandish, when he decided to stage the event again.

"I was at the Pirelli Classic in 1990," he says, "and listening to everyone talking about the 1968 marathon. Then, two weeks later, I was in Australia for another event.

"The remarkable thing there was that I was listening to young men talking about the marathon coming through in 1968, and they were clearly too young to have been born back then, let alone watch the event come through."

The 1968 event started from Crystal Palace, and the 50,000 spectators brought London to a standstill. That year 98 cars set out, crewed by competitors from 14 countries. They tore through Europe to Istanbul, and from there went on through Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to Bombay, taking just eight days of non-stop motoring.

Of the starters, 72 survived as far as Bombay, where they boarded the SS Chusan for the 13-day journey to Fremantle, in Western Australia. There began the most arduous stretch, and after three days of driving through the Outback, only 55 finishers reached Sydney.

This year, too, the forecast is that the Australian leg, 3,000 miles long and mostly over dirt and gravel desert roads, will once again be the hardest.

In 1968, the unexpected winner was the Scotsman, Andrew Cowan, in a Hillman Hunter, with Paddy Hopkirk taking second place in his BMC 1800. Roger Clark, rally champion and favourite, had led the race until two days before the end. But then he had two breakdowns, the second a broken rear axle on his Ford Lotus Cortina, and he dropped to tenth place. Special honours went to the first Australian to finish, Ian Vaughan, driving a Ford Falcon.

The route for this year's marathon is different, but dozens of the faces are the same. Cowan will be driving the same Hillman Hunter that took him to victory in 1968, and Hopkirk, Vaughan and Clark will all be back for a second go. In all, there will be 25 crews who competed in the original marathon.

This year the route runs from Chelsea harbour to Dover, and then on through Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey. After two loops taking the competitors out from Ankara and back, the whole field will be airlifted by two giant Antonov air freighters, and put down in Delhi.

For five days the cars will race across India to Bombay, where the Antonovs will again pick them up and drop them in Perth, in Western Australia, where they will begin the 10-day leg to Sydney — and a black-tie gala dinner at the opera house.

Rules for the event could not be simpler. Cars must be of a type that was available in 1968, and the engine must be of the same number and configuration of cylinders as the original. The body shape must be retained, and the car prepared to full rally standard.

For some competitors, that has meant radically modifying the engines, brakes and suspensions of their cars, to give twice the power of the original vehicles while staying within the regulations. For others, it has simply meant finding a car from the 1968 era, putting in seat-belts and a fire-extinguisher, as required by the regulations, and filling up with fuel.

The cars are as different as the motives of the competitors. Of the 21 different makes, the smallest is a 1300cc belt-driven DAF, a car that finished the 1968 event. The most conspicuous is a Rolls-Royce Corniche. There will be Porsches, Fords, Alfa Romeos and two Moskvitches, one of them driven by Alexander Ipatenko, who led a four-car Moskvitch team in 1968.

Whatever the car, all face hard times ahead. Most of the driving in Europe, and even in India, will at least be on tarmac-surfaced roads. But the difficult traffic conditions and notorious driving habits of Turkey will make the marathon hazardous, and so will the temperatures of India. These are expected to climb to 40C. Wild camels will also be a danger in India.

The marathon will be won and lost in Australia, however. There the desert roads of the Outback are expected to decimate the remaining competitors, because of the heat, suspension-cracking potholes and suicidal kangaroos. The "roo" threat is such a major consideration that most of the cars will be fitted with special "roo-bars".

In addition, there are more than 40 timed special stages, each up to 100 miles long. Competitors will set off at one-minute intervals, and have to race the stage.

At the end of it all the cars will be shipped home as container freight, while the competitors who make it that far will fly home — and start planning for the next one.

Landcrabs and bulldozers

Solid and dependable cars are favourites — but look out for some surprises

Of all the cars in all the world, no one would put the 1960s Hillman Hunter near the top of the list when it came to great sporting machinery. A medium-sized, mid-range, four-door saloon, it was the archetypal British machine of its period, worthy, strong but — well, dull.

The fact that a Hunter won the original London-Sydney Marathon back in 1968 says more about the event than the car. It was an enormously long, rough, tough, car-breaking, tiring event, and the Hunter's sheer strength, and some clever pre-planning, paid off.

Having done it once, the very car that won in 1968 is entry number one in the 1993 Lombard London-Sydney Marathon, and crewed by one member of the same team, Andrew Cowan. And starting back in 34th place is the sister Hunter which also took part 25 years ago.

A look down the entry list does not turn up many sports cars, the MGs, Austin Healeys and Triumphs. It is not necessarily because sports cars are too fragile, but because they do not have such necessities as good ground clearance and interior space. Drivers can get badly on each other's nerves, sitting side by side for hours on end, for days on end.

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The best car for the London-Sydney Marathon is something basic, rugged, under-stressed, easy to repair. That is why the majority of entries are from makes whose image has been built on a reputation in the Third World countries where a blacksmith is of more use than an electronic ignition tester.

This is true of Peugeots, Volvos, VW Beetles, Ford Cortinas and even the good old Hunter, which is still being made in Iran. These are good, solid, dependable machines that can take anything.

Other strong entrants are Australian Ford Falcons and Mustangs, built for unmade roads at the back of beyond, that will battle it out with their European cousins, the Ford Escorts.

There are four Holden Monaros, similar to the Ford Falcons, but Australian-built. Wieldy they are not, but with big V8 engines and muscle-bound bodywork, they bulldoze their way across obstructions.

The British equivalent would be something like the BMC (Austin and Morris) 1800s, affectionately nicknamed "Landcrabs". Big, heavy and immensely rigid, they do not have a very good power-to-weight ratio, though they use the same engine as the MGB, which can be persuaded to give a reasonable amount of power for long stretches at a time. They did well in 1968, crewed by the likes of Paddy Hopkirk and Raumo Aaltonen.

Another unlikely machine in such a sporting event is the Moskvich, two of which have been entered. But durability is what counts, and these two have been prepared by the Russians. Fighting them will be a pair of Czech-prepared Skoda 100MBs, the butt of thousands of jokes. But don't laugh too hard. They could pull off a surprise this year.

There are also a clutch of Datsun 510s taking part, not a car that is often seen in Britain. At one time they were the Escort Mexicos of Australia, competitive machinery in the rally stages, where performance counts.

Then there are the odd-balls: a DAF with rubber-band transmission, whose drivers took part in, and finished, the 1968 rally; a Rolls-Royce whose driver, Tony Wilson, was, when last heard of, looking for a co-driver who could put up a fair bit of cash; and a Ford Zephyr MkII, which rolled over in another rally a couple of weeks ago and had to have an instant rebuild.

The real dark horses, though, are going to be the Porsche 911s. They currently dominate historic rallying, they are very powerful, and they have perfect rally handling, not to mention a history of development that goes back further than the original event.

MIKE MCCARTHY

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Love is — sharing an Escort to Australia

A couple decide to put their marriage plans to the ultimate endurance test

Sarah Perris and John Redding, the two least experienced drivers in the marathon, have a pot of gold ahead of them at the end of 11,500 miles of gruelling rallying: romance, marriage, and living happily ever after.

The two have decided to get married if their relationship survives this ultimate test, of 30 days in which they will rely totally one upon the other, and drive half-way round the globe, in a 1972 Ford Escort bereft even of a radio to keep them company. They will pass together through the 40C heat of India, the dust-bowl of Australia and the inevitable breakdowns, frustrations and possible dangers such an adventure brings with it.

The two will be leaving London today with L-plates strapped as a joke to their car, number 39, as they are the only team among the 106 cars that until this year had absolutely no rallying, competition or race experience.

If it all smacks of amateurish enthusiasm bordering on folly, then Perris, who is public affairs manager at Ford of Europe in her more restrained moments, says she would be the first to agree with such a judgment.

Their car, an almost totally original 1972 Mark One Ford Escort, is the gleaming result of hundreds of hours work by Redding, who owns his own specialist car repair and preparation company, Webster and Lancaster, based in London. Not for them the tens of thousands of pounds of new and upgraded engines, suspensions and transmissions that will grace some of the vehicles participating, or teams of engineers working round the clock on the car on their behalf.

The only modifications Redding has made have been to install an extra large fuel tank, and to bolt to the roof what has become known as the "sandwich box", to carry essentials like a pile of T-shirts, clean knickers, and numerous tubes of sun-block cream and insect repellant. Perris says: "A Mark One Escort, once you have got two spare wheels and tyres in the boot, plus an alternator and various other spares, suddenly becomes very small indeed. We have kept luggage to a minimum — just sun-block cream, as I am very, very white."

All sound-deadening materials and carpets have been stripped out to save weight, and the only concession to modern technology is a system of headphones and headsets allowing them to talk to one another above the din. "Some competitors have full-blown stereo systems in their cars," Perris says, "but we felt we could do without Radio Bombay."

PETER TRIEVNOR

John Redding and Sarah Perris: wedded to the wheel for a month

The two were put on the path to Sydney by Redding's enthusiasm as he prepared a car for another competitor in the marathon. "He was fired up about the car he was preparing, and about the marathon," Perris says, "and said 'Let's have a go'. And now here we are, having a go."

The past few months have been a blur of lost nights and frantic weekends. Like other competitors, they have been preparing their vehicle, and filling out mounds of paperwork, including sponsorship forms for Women On The Move Against Cancer, which is benefiting from their drive. Unlike other competitors, they have been criss-crossing the country entering enough one-day and all-night rallies to gain the required number of signatures on their until-now virginal international rallying licence so that they are allowed to compete.

Perris says she is almost unable to believe it. "We had our first day-rally in January at Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire. It was terrific fun. We went up the night before for scrutineering, not knowing what to do with the car, or where to go or what to do. It was like your first day at school. The rallying fraternity is so friendly, they looked at us with some charity and showed us how to do it."

Having finished the day's rallying, as other competitors loaded their race machines, spare tyres, wheels and parts on to trailers and low-loaders, Perris and Redding climbed back into the Escort, which will tackle the London-Sydney, and drove home.

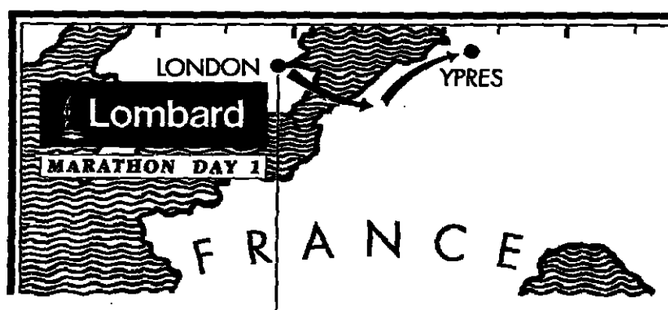
This is rallying on the most modest of shoe-strings. "Our car cost us probably around £15,000 to prepare," Perris says, "compared with the £30,000 or £40,000 that many of the cars would have cost. Our car has less than 90bhp. The engine, gearbox and suspension are all original, and more than 20 years old. Some of the cars competing are twice as powerful.

"We are not up there trying to win. We are up there having a real adventure, which I think is what this event is all about — people of mixed abilities having an adventure with the eventual aim of getting to the Sydney opera house.

If the car is going to be tested to the limit, then so, too, is their future as a couple. "If anything is a test of a relationship, let me tell you, spending 30 days in a Mark One Escort, going through 40C temperatures and God knows what else, this will be," Perris says.

"If we get out of it the other end still talking to each other, we have agreed that we will get married. If our relationship can stand this, we think it will stand pretty much anything. It will be a test of temper and a test of tolerance."

VAUGHAN FREEMAN



0600, 17 April. 106 Cars depart from Chelsea Harbour, London.

Early this morning 106 classic cars set off on the greatest motoring adventure for twenty five years. The Lombard London-Sydney Marathon.

Last held in 1968, it's one of the world's most arduous tests of endurance and reliability for both cars and drivers. As the UK's largest finance house with a major involvement in the motor trade, Lombard are proud to be sponsors of this great adventure.

All the cars are pre-1969 models and there are an incredible 25 competitors that started in the original marathon. Their epic journey will take them 9,791 miles across 12 countries and 43 special stages, to finish in Sydney on May 16th.

In the 25 years since the first marathon, Lombard's resources have given

SYDNEY MARATHON

1993 Lombard LONDON-SYDNEY MARATHON

All going fine — and then the back wheel fell off

Bandits in Afghanistan, 'wakey-wakey' pills and a lost wheel in Australia . . . Evan Green looks back at the hair-raising and humorous adventures of the first rally

Determined father: Evan Green with his Ford Escort. He will be travelling this year with his son Gavin who was in short trousers in 1968

The challenge may be as great this time, the potential for adventure as strong, but this is a very different London-Sydney Marathon from the one held 25 years ago. More has changed than just the route, the victim of wars and revolutions. There are fundamental differences in the rules.

For instance, organised servicing has been forbidden. Like ordinary motorists, drivers whose cars need attention will have to take their chances at garages along the way. There will be no more aircraft landing at remote places with new suspension for the leading car and fresh orange juice for the drivers; and no more estate cars, laden with parts and mechanics, thundering after the field to rebuild any of the work cars that might falter.

There will be no more sending a man with spare wheels from London to the Iranian-Afghan border — by plane to Moscow, Delhi and Kabul and by hire car for the next 1,000 miles — in case new tyres were needed.

This year, there will be nightly stops. It will be more of a rally, if an extraordinarily long one, and less of an endurance test. So there will also be no more driving non-stop, with only one scheduled rest break between London and Bombay and none from Perth to Sydney.

This year, there was no practising over the route. It was forbidden, which was an easy rule to enforce because no one knew the exact course. We still do not. It will be revealed as we go along.

And this time, we have special stages. There will be more than 40 sprints through forests and private estates, over mountains and across deserts: wild, exciting, hazardous blasts over good roads and bad, to send the points tumbling and the adrenalin coursing.

It was different back in 1968. I drove one of the four Austin 1800s that the British Motor Corporation entered. Tony Fall, Paddy Hopkirk and Rauno Aaltonen were in the other cars. That meant only one Englishman. BMC could be accused of many things in those days, but never xenophobia.

The route was known in advance, and so all the principal teams sent out survey parties, finding and mapping the worst sections, planning service. We were an all-Australian crew — "Gelignite" Jack Murray, George Shepheard and I — and we drove to London. Not only did we learn the course. It was a cheap way of getting to the start.

That preliminary journey had its moments, as when we were crossing the Lataban Pass east of Kabul and were held up by three bandits. They were emptying the car of cameras, clothes and rally equipment when the youngest found one of the new-fangled gas cigarette lighters and turned his moustache into ash. The others laughed so much they put their Lugers back in their belts and sent us on our way. They even helped repack the car. They are funny people, the Afghans.

We had entered the marathon because it promised to be a great adventure. We found that a wonderful mix of people was taking part. There were men and women, the blasé and the bizarre, the hopeful and the hopeless. There were hard-nosed pros and wide-eyed amateurs. Some wanted to win and nothing else, and others just wanted to reach Sydney.

The early stages in 1968 were easy: fog in France, boredom in Italy, the first signs of hysterical crowds in Yugoslavia. It was not until we were deep in Turkey that we reached a difficult stage: the 173 miles from Sivas to Erzincan, through villages and over mountains at an average 63mph.

Never the fleetest of cars, our 1800 had been fitted with many weighty extras, including a double floor — so that if one were worn away by stones, we should still have something under our feet. Even with all that steel it was nimble, and on the twisting road over the mountains, we passed 23 cars.

Then we came to the long, climbing straights that preceded Erzincan, and we dropped back. Roger Clark was fastest. We were eleventh.

We did better over the Lataban Pass. Despite losing brakes when a stone tore away a hydraulic line, we picked up three places.

I had not slept since Turkey. It was not because I was super-fit or supercharged, but because back at Sivas Jack had given me what I thought was a sweet but was, in fact, a "wakey-wakey" pill. A friend of his, the chief executive of a pharmaceutical company in Sydney, had had a batch made for him. The friend said it would keep him awake for a week.

Frightened of its possible side-effects, Jack tested the demon pill on me. Like the Afghan bandits, he had a funny sense of humour. He laughed all the way to Bombay, where I finally fell asleep.

Thus we went to Australia in eighth place. By the time we had covered the only difficult stage in Western Australia, we were fifth.

The Flinders Ranges of South Australia were perfect territory for our car: twisting, rough roads, plenty of rocky creek crossings, a trap every mile of the way. By now, we were the leading Australian crew. Most of the cars in front of us were scarred and wobbly, and we were beginning to think we might do well. Jack was even checking the prize-money.

That is when our back wheel fell off. We lost four and a half hours and finished 21st, behind the leading Russian in a Moskvitch.

And that is where we start today: Ford Escort, Number 7, one place behind the leading Russian, Alexander Ipatenko, in a Moskvitch. I am travelling with my son Gavin who 25 years ago was a boy in short pants who was distraught when his dad's wheel fell off. These days he lives in London. I live in Fiji, which makes me, I believe, the first person who has come from those exotic islands to take part in an international motor sporting event.

A Hillman back in the hunt

The British-built workhorse that unexpectedly stole the show a quarter of a century ago leads off the field

Andrew Cowan is a substantial man. He has a big smile, the warmth of an optimistic, easy-going disposition and the robust good nature of a farmer from the Scottish borders. This morning at 8 o'clock he sets off from London in a 25-year-old car to drive halfway round the world, hoping to repeat at 56 a feat he was lucky to accomplish at 32.

As winner of the first London-Sydney Marathon in December 1968, Cowan starts number one of the 106 cars due to be flagged off on a month-long journey across 12 countries. He also has other good credentials. He is one of the best and most experienced long-distance endurance drivers in the world, with countless victories in the toughest rallies in Europe, Africa and Australia behind him.

Yet he is not a favourite to win this one. The odds are on car number two, a Ford Escort driven by Roger Clark and Tony Moy. Twenty-five years ago Clark led until two days before the finish, when he had two breakdowns in quick succession, the second the failure of his Ford Cortina's back axle. He borrowed one from a local fisherman and finished tenth.

Now he has a car rebuilt from a veteran Escort. "It is light, tough and quick," he says. "These are the three main ingredients for this event. Twenty-five years ago I thought I had my name on the trophy, and it was one I really wanted to win. It's time to have another go at it."

Cowan cheerfully admits destiny was on his side in 1968. The London-Sydney looked like a new kind of long-distance rally in the style of the great inter-city races run in the dawn of motor sport. The Monte Carlo rally and the Coupe des Alpes were becoming artificial events, and rally drivers were looking for a new challenge. So speed over the plains and deserts of the Balkans, the Middle East, Asia and Australia was to be the test.

The challenge was taken up by a formidable entry of works teams from Ford, the British Motor Corporation (BMC), the Rootes Group, Porsche and Citroën. Clark took the lead in Turkey in his Lotus Cortina, and held it through Afghanistan. He only ran into trouble in Australia.

The lead was then taken by the Citroën DS19 of Lucien Bianchi and Jean-Claude Ogier, and the Ford Taunus 20MRS entered by Ford of Germany, driven by Simo Lampinen and Gilbert Staepelaere. But in the closing stages both suffered accidents, the Citroën in the final 100 miles.

So Cowan and his crew of Colin Malkin and Brian Coyle drove steadily to an unexpected triumph, ahead of the Austin 1800 of Paddy Hopkirk, Tony Nash and Alec Poole. They were followed by Ian Vaughan (Ford Falcon), Sobieslaw Zasada, the redoubtable Pole (Porsche 911S), Rauno Aaltonen (Austin 1800) and Bruce Hodgson (Ford Falcon).

Cowan's car was shipped home to a hero's welcome, after the only major international victory the humble Hillman Hunter ever gained. The car was immediately placed in honourable retirement, and scarcely ever turned a wheel again. After the dissolution of the Rootes Group, later Chrysler, which owned it, it became the property of the Royal Scottish Automobile Club.

Cowan went on to a glittering career driving for Ford, BMC, Vauxhall, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi and Audi. He won the 1977 London-Sydney and an astonishing 18,000-mile five-week-long marathon in South America. He took charge of the formidable Mitsubishi Pajero team in the gruelling and dangerous Paris-Dakar, winning in 1985 and finishing second in 1986, and he won the Australian Safari twice.

He also survived a serious accident in the Andes driving a Triumph 2.5PI, when he overtook in a dust cloud and suffered a cracked neck bone.

Cowan and Johnstone Syer, his veteran co-driver, will drive the victorious Hunter again this time, stripped down and rebuilt by Mitsubishi Rallyart Europe at Rugby. "It has only done 16,000 miles," Cowan explains. "All the body needed was two front wings, which were rusted, and a new back-axle. Holbay rebuilt the engine, but it still only has 118 bhp."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Time for another go: Andrew Cowan in his rebuilt Hillman

With about the power of a standard 2.0 litre Vauxhall Cavalier, Cowan is unlikely to break any records. "Navigation across the Nullarbor plain, which spans Western and South Australia, is going to be tricky," he says, "and the unsurfaced parts in Australia will be as rough as ever. The pace of the rally is not as hectic, which means there are no all-night drives and so we no longer need a three-man crew. But the competitive stages will be as competitive as ever."

Cowan is undaunted about his lack of horsepower. "We weren't the fastest car in 1968. But we were first to the line in Sydney. The Hunter still isn't fast, but it's built like a country outhouse and could well outlast the sprinters."

Sprinters in this context means his old rival, Clark.

ERIC DYMOCK

Look out, here comes another battlefield

Wars and revolution have forced the rally to be airlifted out of the danger zones

Negotiations for the 1993 London-Sydney marathon gave Nick Brittan, the organiser, a trial of his skills that would make the most hardened diplomat pale.

In December, 1990, for instance, he was in Kabul, where he found himself holed up in a bomb-blasted hotel, and forced to leave the country on a Russian aircraft that could only fly out by dropping decoys every ten seconds to fool incoming Sam missiles.

It made him wonder, he says, if enabling 212 rally fanatics to drive from London to Sydney was such a brilliant idea.

Brittan had gone to Kabul to try to negotiate passage through Afghanistan for the marathon. But he was trapped in the war-torn city for five days, and it became obvious that Afghanistan was no place for the event.

During the past 30 months several different routes were worked out. Some took the marathon through Yugoslavia, clearly a problem area. Then there was the matter of getting from Turkey to India. The 1968 route went through Iran, Aghanistan and Pakistan, but this soon proved impracticable.

One alternative went through Turkey and Georgia to Azerbaijan, where cars and drivers would cross the Caspian by ferry to Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and then be airlifted from Tashkent to Delhi. Another took them through Turkey and Iran to Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. But both were eventually ruled out by political turmoil and wars.

Only six weeks ago, when schedules and route maps had been printed, visas were in place, and the first magazine articles published with outline details of the "final" route, the whole event teetered on the verge of collapse when the route through Iran, which Brittan thought was agreed, became a no-go zone.

He describes what happened. "I was in Iran six weeks ago, doing a final reconnoitre. The Iranians had been terrific, friendly and helpful. We got all the way to the border with Turkmenistan, where we were to cross over for the next leg, and the Iranians wouldn't let us out.

"We spent the night in what they euphemistically called a 'safe house' with bars on the window and we were spun round the next day to Tehran."

Planning had begun in August, 1990, when Brittan, who had been a competitor in the original 1968 rally with his wife and co-driver, Jenny, decided to see if a re-run of the event was feasible. "I knew Australia would be all right," he says, "and Western Europe would not be a problem. It was the bit in the middle that was tricky."

Pakistan was a typical experience. "The authorities said there would be no problem," Brittan says. "Then the officials in Lahore gave me a list of 47 departments I had to contact to obtain the right permissions."

He flew to Kabul from there. "Nobody said the war was still on," he comments. "I was one of three people in a 220-room hotel, with shells landing so close 35 windows were blown out. We had anti-personnel landmines in the street, a curfew and a blackout. I was stuck there five days."

Brittan spent Christmas day 1990 in Moscow winning approval for the route through Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and coming across two of the world's largest aircraft, Antonovs, which he hired for $1 million. In the event, the aircraft are to play a crucial role, airlifting cars and competitors from Ankara to Delhi, and then from Bombay to Australia. But the route fell through.

Despite the setbacks, Brittan announced the marathon to the world's press on January 16, 1991, hours before the opening of the Gulf War. "Saddam Hussein had the Mother of all Wars, but we had the Mother of all rallies," he says, "and we got a better press than he did."

By August 1991 rumbles of war between Armenia and Azerbaijan ruled out the route through the second of these, and he explored the route through Iran. That was the one that fell through six weeks ago.

In Europe, the fighting in Yugoslavia meant that the route through that country had to be abandoned by January 1992.

"I still have reservations for rooms at the Holiday Inn in Sarajevo," Brittan says. "I can't even cancel the hotel bookings. The Holiday Inn is now just a pile of bricks."

He hopes there will be no more last-minute holes appearing in the route. "I think we are all set," he says, "provided Belgium doesn't declare war on France in the next 24 hours."

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NEWS

America threatens air strike

■ As the White House said last night that it was considering all options to halt Serb aggression, including — if the allies approved — bombing Serbian targets, the Bosnian army appealed for immediate United Nations armed protection of the besieged Muslim town of Srebrenica.
At the same time, the UN annnounced that Canadian troops would enter Srebrenica today after an agreement with the Serbs ..... Pages 1, 2, 8, 9

UK under pressure to change policy

■ Britain was under mounting pressure to change its stance on the conflict in Bosnia after America indicated that it was moving towards tougher action and the first crack appeared in the domestic bipartisan approach ..... Page 1

Rail unions strike

Commuters again stayed away from work during the 24-hour rail strike as union leaders prepared to meet on further action ..... Page 1

Prisoner escapes

A seventh prisoner in the custody of Group 4 escaped causing further embarrassment to the government who claimed their service had improved ..... Page 1

Italians vote

Italy appeared to be preparing to vote overwhelmingly in favour of electoral reform in a referendum tomorrow and Monday Page 10

Aids in sport

The positive HIV test on Ruben Palacio, of Colombia, who has been stripped of his world featherweight boxing title, has revived fears of contracting Aids through body-contact sports ..... Page 3

Falling bills

Telephone bills should eventualy fall on both sides of the Atlantic as a result of a looming battle between two of the world's biggest telephone companies, BT and AT&T of America ... Page 7

Clue to murder found

A vital clue has emerged in the hunt for the killer of Jean Bradley after 250 telephone calls after BBC television's Crimewatch programme ..... Page 5

Hong Kong hopes

Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, said he hoped that the Chinese would be constructive when talks about future elections resume next week ..... Page 10

Rutskoi hits back

Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, hit back declaring that the country was facing a rise in crime and corruption as a result of the government's economic shock therapy .... Page 10

Giza discovery

The Great Pyramid at Giza may contain two chambers, which could hold ancient artefacts, or even the lost treasures of the Pharaoh Cheops ..... Page 4

TV show pits rabbi against vicar

■ A religious television game show pitting rabbis against vicars and drawing on classic comedy series will be launched on ITV in June. Contestants will be asked to identify biblical stories from tabloid-style headlines and paraphrase the gospel in "politically correct" language ..... Page 5

Restraining hand: an Israeli policeman prevents a Palestinian Christian from crossing into Jerusalem yesterday. Page 11

Dogged determination: Patsy Bloom is an animal lover with teeth. This week she was voted Business Woman of the Year because of the meteoric rise of Pet Plan Group, the business she founded specialising in pet insurance ..... Page 20

Banana appetizer: Fyffes, the Irish banana distributor, has rejected a bid of 115 Irish pence from an unidentified suitor. The offer values the company at Ir£322 million. Two US companies are being tipped as potential suitors Page 19

Markets: Share prices ended the long three-week Easter trading account on a drab note with the FT-SE 100 Index ending 15.3 down at 2,824.4, for a loss during the period of 28 points. On the foreign exchange the pound fell sharply against main rivals losing around 2¾ cents at $1.5260 on the previous day's close and almost half a pfennig at DM2.4656 ..... Page 22

Snooker: The 17-day world snooker championship, starts at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, today with a prize fund of £1 million. As an added challenge, the fund will rise to £1.1 million if anyone can complete a 147-point maximum break ..... Page 34

Athletics: Liz McColgan is aiming to break the women's world record time when she runs in the London Marathon tomorrow, a race for which there are 34,000 entries, making it the largest race in the world ..... Page 36

Football: Manchester City were fined £50,000 and ordered to play one match behind closed doors after a Football Association enquiry into the pitch invasion, which disrupted their FA Cup quarter-final against Tottenham Hotspur at Maine Road last month. However, both punishments have been suspended until the end of next season ..... Page 36

Outrageous dreams: Thousands of ordinary people dreamt a dream — that they would run 26 miles and 385 yards from Greenwich to Westminister Bridge ... Pages 1, 36

Pleasure domes: Libby Purves and her children drag a reluctant father on a manufactured holiday deep in an English forest — and find it hard to drag him away ..... Page 2

Food and drink: Frances Bissell hurries summer into the kitchen by adding a splash of sunshine with rich, fruity olive oils to suit every palate ..... Page 5

Snap happy: Disposable cameras are a neat and practical idea, but how good are the photographs. Nichole Swengley finds out Page 7

Dressing down: How do lawyers unwind after a hard day's thinking on their feet before the bench. Five London barristers disrobe and sum up the case for more relaxed weekend wear ..... Page 10

Silent laughs: Harold Lloyd, one of the great comic geniuses of the early days of Hollywood, was born 100 years ago this week. David Robinson, biographer of Charlie Chaplin, measures Lloyd's talent against that of his more famous contemporary ... Weekend, page 14

Sax appeal: Kenny G may be President Clinton's preferred saxophonist, but how does he compare with his rivals on the king of jazz instruments? A new CD reveals all. Plus, Hilary Finch reviews new chamber music releases from European quartets ... Weekend, page 14

Good company: Kate Bassett is impressed by an Israeli company, whose production *Real Time* captures the Jewish sense of rootlessness, isolation and alienation that persist even in the close community of Israel. Set on the eve of Yom Kippur in 1973 when Egypt attacked Israel, it is not an easy 80 minutes ..... Weekend, page 14

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Edgar Reitz follows *Heimat* with *The Second Heimat: A New Generation* (BBC2, 9.25pm) ..... Page 16

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Turning point

A bloody siege can focus and electrify the emotions. But the people of Bosnia will need more than a week-long surge of compassion. Page 13

Maastricht moves

The government has almost finessed its way through the committee stage of the Maastricht bill. But the opposition to the treaty still has high cards to play ..... Page 13

Life on Mars

Capitalists pondering the risks of investing in Russia should take heart. Their trail has been blazed, once again, by the ultimate endurer, the Mars bar ..... Page 13

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Wars end when one side is beaten. Most of the killing takes place between the moment when defeat is certain and the moment when the defeated accept it. Outside intervention usually prolongs that killing gap: as I fear is the case in Srebrenica ..... Page 12

DAVID HINE

Tomorrow, Italians vote on a referendum proposal to abolish proportional representation for the Senate. The Labour party's Plant commission came out tentatively in favour of the "supplementary vote", which though not strictly PR, is certainly a move in the opposite direction likely to be favoured by Italians ..... Page 12

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Should the Bosnian Muslims be armed? ..... Page 13

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Nothing, including rational choice, can ever be taken for granted in the Middle East

— Los Angeles Times

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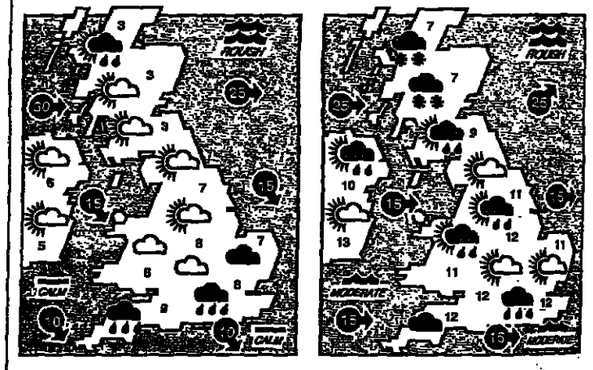
Scotland will have some sunshine and showers, heavy in the north and wintry on mountains, with the east drier. Northern Ireland, northern England and Wales will be sunny at times, with many places staying dry. Central and southern England will have rain before a drier, brighter afternoon. Outlook: rain or drizzle tomorrow, but with Scotland mainly dry and bright; Monday largely warm and dry, with some sunshine in east.



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Anglesey	8.8	-	11	52	bright
Anstruther	0.1	0.03	9	48	rain
Belfast	0.9	-	13	55	rain
Birmingham	7.8	-	14	57	fog
Bognor Regis	8.4	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemouth	9.9	-	13	55	sunny
Bristol	10.2	-	15	59	sunny
Buxton	7.5	-	12	54	sunny
Cardiff	10.1	-	13	55	sunny
Clacton	9.7	-	12	54	sunny
Colwyn Bay	9.0	-	13	55	sunny
Edinburgh	1.1	0.01	11	52	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.03	9	48	rain
Falmouth	10.6	-	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	10.5	-	13	55	sunny
Glasgow	-	-	11	52	rain
Guernsey	9.3	-	11	52	sunny
Hastings	9.1	-	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	3.0	-	10	50	bright
Isle of Man	4.5	-	10	50	bright
Jersey	7.7	-	12	54	sunny
Kinloss	-	0.15	10	50	rain
Leeds	8.7	-	15	59	sunny
Lerwick	-	0.22	6	43	rain
Littlehampton	7.9	-	13	55	sunny
Liverpool	9.8	-	13	55	sunny
London	8.5	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	8.3	-	9	48	sunny
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Southend	7.3	-	14	57	bright
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Worthing	8.0	-	13	55	sunny

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Algiers	13	55	c	Malaga	22	72	s
Amst'dm	14	57	s	Malta	22	72	s
Athens	23	73	s	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Bahrain	27	81	s	Mexico C*	23	73	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Miami*	27	81	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Milan	17	63	s
Barcelona	16	61	s	Montreal*	8	46	c
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Belgrade	12	54	r	Munich	11	52	f
Berlin	13	55	f	Naples	12	54	f
Bermuda*	22	72	s	N Delhi	31	88	s
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C'phagn	7	45	s	Riyadh	31	88	s
Corfu	17	63	f	Rome	14	57	f
Dublin	12	54	f	Salzburg	11	52	c
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Faro	20	68	s	Santiago*	15	59	c
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Frankfurt	15	59	s	St'kholm	10	50	s
Funchal	18	64	f	Strasb'rg	15	59	f
Geneva	11	52	c	Sydney	17	63	r
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Tangier	19	66	s
Helsinki	6	43	s	Tel Aviv	35	95	s
Innsbruck	8	46	c	Tenerife	19	66	c
Istanbul	22	77	s	Tokyo	19	66	c
Jeddah	32	90	f	Toronto*	13	55	f
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Tunis	19	66	c
Karachi	35	95	s	Valencia	19	66	f
L Palmas	20	68	c	Vanc'ver*	9	48	r
Le Touet	9	48	c	Venice	16	61	s
Lisbon	18	64	s	Vienna	13	55	f
Locarno	20	68	f	Warsaw	9	48	f
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TODAY

Sun rises: 6.01 am — Sun sets: 8.01 pm
Moon rises 4.03 am — Moon sets 3.37 pm

London 8.32 pm to 5.29 am
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Manchester 8.45 pm to 5.33 am
Penzance 8.51 pm to 5.53 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.59 am — Sun sets: 8.02 pm
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Finland Mkk	9.16	8.35
France Fr	8.61	8.11
Germany Dm	2.61	2.41
Greece Dr	349.00	324.00
Hong Kong $	12.45	11.45
Ireland Pt	1.08	0.98
Italy Lire	2445.00	2300.00
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Portugal Esc	240.00	220.00
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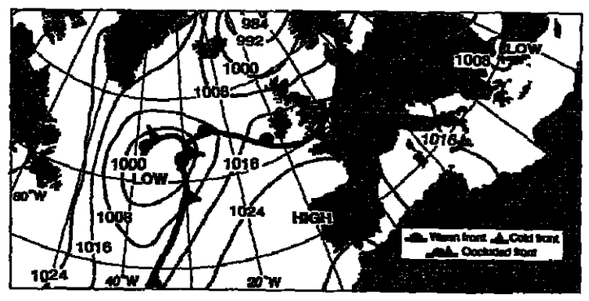

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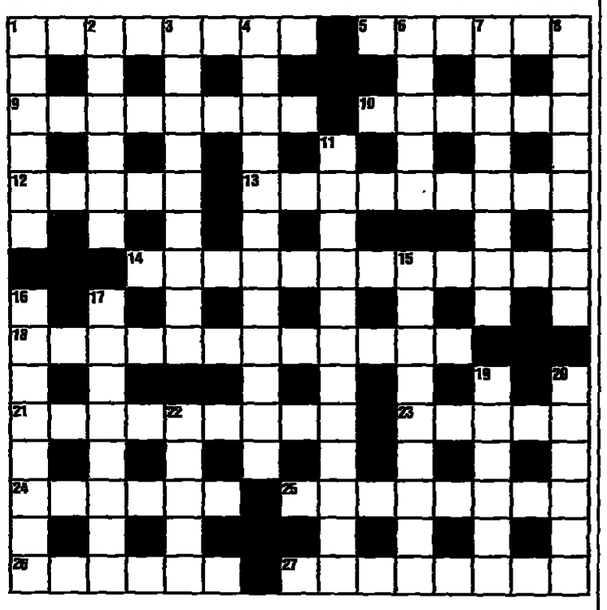

ACROSS

1 Left unsaid (8).
5 Touch a certain amount of liquor (6).
9 Negotiate to get articles in the paper (8).
10 Old city of character in South America (6).
12 Collect to hear lines (5).
13 Insist on getting points for accuracy (9).
14 Dressmaking becoming addictive? (5-7).
18 Interjection, say, in a peroration (4,2,6).
21 Drunken guard seen in casual wear (9).
23 Recess for an hour in pleasant surroundings (5).
24 Inadequate element of some agreements (6).
25 Cunning city — one to suit soldiers in retreat (8).
26 Emperor's small operation (6).
27 Surprisingly, Tessa and Ned agreed (8).

DOWN

1 State tax keeps economy initially weak (6).
2 Smoke rising after end of banquet — very distressing! (6).
3 Criminal taking books from dictator with time to study... (9).
4 ... a book to list EEC cases, perhaps (12).
6 Information from fashionable place (5).
7 Poor drainage for a tree (8).
8 The way to indicate to give information to drivers? (4,4).
11 Divided standards leading to unsatisfactory compromise (4,8).
15 Little known about girl in short story (9).
16 Saga of foreign spies trapped in the Black Death, say (8).
17 Outlook for first generation (8).
19 Hand in the answers (6).
20 Champion's shield (6).
22 Courts martial — endless and complicated (5).

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: M Allen, Tuxleigh, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts; W Fitzgerald, Swifts Green Rd, Luton; F Pender, Marlborough Cres, Sevenoaks, Kent; J R Atkin, Courtyards, Little Shelford, Cambridge; H T Nevins, Orchard Pl, Newlyn, Penzance.

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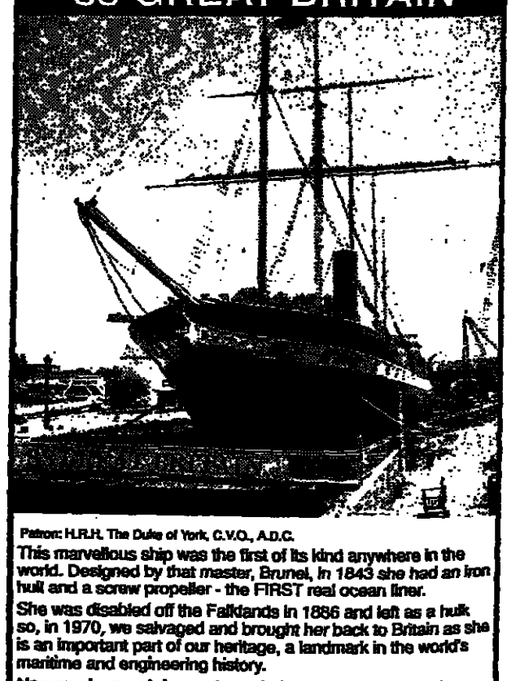

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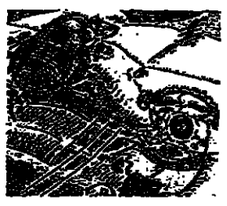

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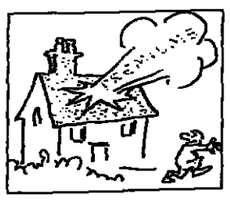

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Inflation rise dents hopes of cut in rates

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

■ Dearer food caused by sterling's devaluation pushed the headline rate of inflation up to 1.9 per cent last month, compared with 1.8 per cent in February

INFLATION edged up for the second month running in March, suggesting that prices are past their recessionary trough and will rise steadily as economic recovery and the effects of sterling's devaluation take hold.

Headline inflation rose to an annual rate of 1.9 per cent, from 1.8 per cent in February and 1.7 per cent in January — a level that increasingly seems to have reflected the bottom of the inflation cycle. Between February and March, the retail price index rose 0.4 per cent.

When mortgage payments are stripped out, prices rose by an underlying 0.7 per cent in March, giving an annual rate of 3.5 per cent, compared with 3.4 per cent in February and 3.2 per cent in January.

An increasing number of economists believe the underlying rate is set to rise above 4 per cent — the upper limit of the government's inflation target — perhaps late this year or during the first half of next year.

The latest set of inflation figures appears to have tipped the balance of opinion in the City on interest rate prospects. Although there is still a possibility that base rates could be cut again if the recovery appears to falter or sterling appreciates too strongly, hopes of lower interest rates are receding.

A good indicator of this is three-month money market rates, which have been pointing to unchanged 6 per cent base rates in the coming months but are now beginning to indicate that the next movement in interest rates may be up.

Nigel Richardson, economist with Yamaichi International Europe, said: "The mood in the gilt-edged market has turned from optimism to cautious pessimism. Nobody is saying that interest rates are going to go up soon — and they probably won't until at least the end of this year — but they are saying that there now appears to be no need for lower rates."

One reason why it will be difficult for inflation to stay at current, still historically low, levels, is that the last fall in headline inflation was largely caused by mortgage rate cuts. But mortgage rates are not expected to decline much further, if at all.

Driving the small increase in inflation in March were rising prices of food, clothing and footwear, as winter sales ended, and of fuel. These outweighed the remaining effect of mortgage rate cuts announced in January.

The Central Statistical Office said that, although some high street prices were rising, there had still not been much follow-through from higher import prices due to the devaluation of the pound.

These are running at an annual rate of more than 8 per cent. The CSO said attempts to raise prices had not succeeded because of lack of demand.

Indeed, some pointers suggest that inflation may even dip again in April, largely because the new council tax is included in the RPI for the first time and should be lower than the old poll tax.

This could take as much as 0.7 per cent off the April RPI. The impact of higher excise duties announced in the Budget should add a small amount to the RPI in April, and costs of food, clothing and footwear and motoring are all likely to go up. Offsetting this, however, should be falls in electricity prices.

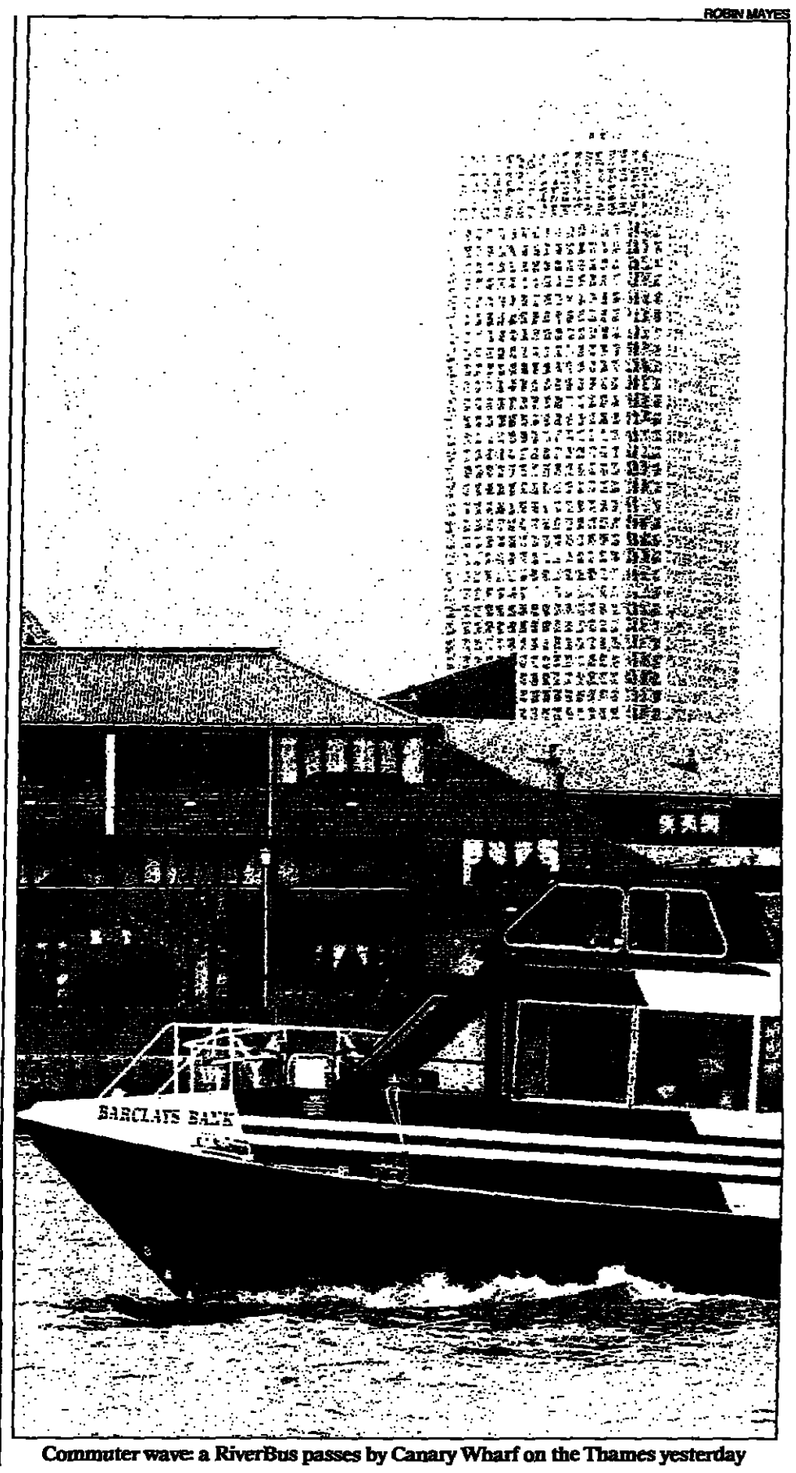
Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, said: "There may be one more dip but only one more. Inflationary pressures are beginning to take hold again, even though the upward momentum is still subdued at this stage."

There was a measure of disappointment in financial markets. The gilt-edged market, which heard yesterday that it is going to have to absorb another slice of gilt-edged stock, worth perhaps another £3 billion, on April 28, fell back by more than a full percentage point at the long end of the market.

The Bank of England announced that it would be selling gilts with maturities between three and six years, an auction clearly designed to attract bank buyers, so boosting M4 money supply, one of the only indicators still signalling deep recession.

Sterling slipped back to end at 80.0 on its trade-weighted index, compared with Thursday's close of 80.8. It lost a pfennig against the mark and more than two cents against the dollar. However, currency economists said the slide was purely technical, with traders taking profits.

ROBIN MAYES



Commuter wave: a RiverBus passes by Canary Wharf on the Thames yesterday

RiverBus takes the strain out of strike

By George Sivell
City Editor

RIVERBUS, operator of the catamaran service between Greenwich and Chelsea Harbour, rode the crest of a wave on the Thames as passengers queued to get on its boats despite a near trebling of capacity to cope with the demand created by the rail strike.

The group, owned by administrators to Olympia & York, the Canary Wharf group, chartered in four pleasure boats to add to its fleet of ten catamarans, and reckoned to be operating at the rate of 1,200 seats an hour from Greenwich, two-and-a-half times its normal rate.

RiverBus began 1993 needing to raise £1.8 million of cash to survive the year. Yesterday, Michael Davies, the business manager, said the group had almost got all the money but that the arrangements were not all signed and sealed.

He said that the hope arising from days like yesterday was that more and more extra passengers would be encouraged to use RiverBus. The service carried 390,000 passengers in 1991 and 670,000 in 1992. The group hopes to break even by 1995 and become self-financing in 1996.

Another beneficiary of the rail strike was National Express, the coach operator that recently went public. It operated an extra 100 coaches to add to the 600 that would normally run. It said the Brighton to London route was "heaving" and noted that Colchester to London and Tunbridge Wells to London services were very busy. The Leeds to Manchester and Liverpool routes were also busy. Like RiverBus, National Express hopes to entice some regular rail travellers.

Meanwhile, Stagecoach, the bus operator that is coming to the stock market, is likely to have seen its offer oversubscribed by four times or more. Allocations are likely to be announced on Tuesday.

Builder comes to aid of the EBRD

By Our City Staff

IF EVER a bank needed friends, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development needs them this weekend. And yesterday, it found one.

Bovis Construction, part of the P&O Group, has come to the aid of the embattled EBRD, one of its most prestigious, if heavily criticised, clients, with a two-page press release — presumably unsolicited — on the fitting out of the bank's headquarters.

Bovis helpfully makes clear that the fitting out, including the controversial change to Carrara marble, tastefully not mentioned by Bovis, was carried out using "materials at competitive rates".

Under fierce attack from the media and the government for the amount spent on its Broadgate headquarters, the EBRD has been trying desperately this week to present a more favourable image of itself.

Bank officials make no secret of the fact that they have sought to involve firms working on their City edifice in their counter-offensive. As one official put it: "It would be abnormal, if we didn't discuss such matters with companies engaged in the project."

Bovis was appointed in January 1992 as construction manager to fit out the EBRD. The high-class fittings and especially the £750,000 change of marble cladding have been a focus of media criticism.

Jacques Attali, the French president of the EBRD, who has deliberately sought to give the bank a high profile, has been invited to Bonn next Tuesday to discuss the allegations of excessive spending with Theo Waigel, the German finance minister who is the chairman of the bank. Herr Waigel has given a warning that heads must roll if the allegations are substantiated.

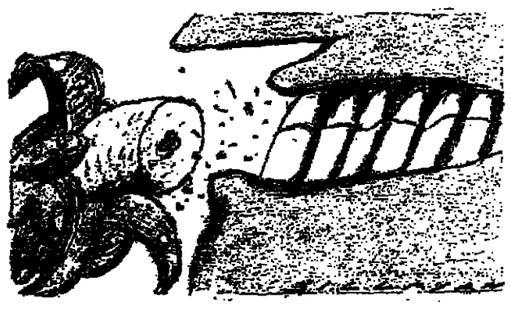
Bovis, in response to "press interest", said in its statement that the fitting out programme for the EBRD was one of the fastest ever for a scheme of such scale and complexity and was the work of a team of experts renowned for "cost-effectiveness". The company has fitted out 1.5 million square feet of office space at the bank so far.

Furthermore, Bovis said it had taken advantage of the recession to buy materials and services at "competitive rates" for the EBRD. Chris Spackman, the chairman and chief executive of Bovis Construction, said that the bank was at the "leading edge" in terms of innovative design, construction technique, environmental considerations, cost-effectiveness and the quality of work.

Bank officials, faced with the criticism that so far they have given less to the economies of the former Soviet empire — their lending target — than they have spent on their own offices and staff costs, argued that the speed at which the bank had been able to start operating compared very favourably with the start-up phase of similar institutions such as the World Bank.

Slip-up over Fyffes 'approach'

By Colin Narborough



FYFFES, the Irish fruit distributor with a London listing, has done battle with the big American fruit companies before, and is evidently ready to fight off a 115 Irish pence per share "approach" from an unidentified, most probably American, suitor.

After hasty deliberation yesterday afternoon, the Fyffes' board said it had decided that the approach (not a bid, despite the price) which valued the company at Ir£322 million was "not in the best interests" of the firm and that discussions had been terminated.

An earlier statement during the morning had sounded less dismissive. That statement had been prompted by news of the mystery suitor published in the Irish press.

Word of a possible bid had circulated in the markets during the week, pushing up the price by 20p since Tuesday. The McCann family, who bought Fyffes from Chiquita, the American banana group, in 1986, would be advised by most analysts to hold on to its independence.

With the new European Community banana regime coming into place in July, companies like Fyffes and Geest, its United Kingdom rival, should have a golden period ahead of them.

Fyffes has 5 per cent of the European banana market against Geest's 12 per cent. Not only does Fyffes have a share in the protected market for bananas from the Caribbean, African and Pacific producers, but it also has a handsome share of the new 2 million tonne quota for bananas from Latin America that will be allowed in at a low tariff.

Chiquita, which clashed with Fyffes in 1990 over the Irish company's attempts to ship Honduran fruit, is probably too cash poor to bid for either Fyffes or Geest at present. But the profitable Dole, Chiquita's US rival, is keen to build up its 14 per cent share of the European banana business to close to the 26 per cent of Chiquita, the market leader.

However hungry Dole may be for more of the European market, the advantageous position Fyffes and Geest, both companies with solid balance sheets, find themselves in means that the price will have to be right.

In the year to October 1992, the last figures published, Fyffes made a net profit of Ir£22.3 million on a turnover of Ir£524.3 million. Earnings were 5.9p a share.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Patsy Bloom**

Dogged determination wins through

The Business Woman of the Year, who runs Pet Plan, tells **Susan Gilchrist** that she is not a scatty animal lover

Photographs of Patsy Bloom, 52, can be deceptive. The founder of Pet Plan comes across as a kindly, mild-mannered, animal-lover, but in reality she is an ambitious, forthright, and commercially shrewd operator. When it comes to business, Ms Bloom is as hard as her perfectly manicured scarlet fingernails.

But then she is the Business Woman of the Year — an accolade she won in recognition of the meteoric rise of Pet Plan Group, the company she founded in 1977.

Patsy first had the idea for a business specialising in pet insurance after her dog ran up massive veterinary bills. "I rushed round to my animal-mad neighbour, Annie Dickins [now deputy managing director of one of Pet Plan's four divisions] and said: 'I've got this great idea. Would you buy pet insurance for a tenner?' She said she would, and that was it." Patsy borrowed £250 to start the business and hoped she would earn £25 a week from it to supplement her meagre salary at the Central British Fund for Jewish Refugees, the charity where she worked. Sixteen years on, the business has a turnover of £22.5 million, insures more than 350,000 animals and has franchise operations in Canada and Italy. Patsy is a millionaire.

From a poky, windowless, office above the old Wood Lane Underground station in Shepherd's Bush, Pet Plan has graduated to a spacious Georgian-style house in an affluent west London suburb. The walls of the reception are adorned with schmaltzy blown-up photographs of kittens and puppies sent in by adoring pet-owners. Gnasher, the winner of the Most Appealing Puppy of the Year competition in 1988, perched inside an old leather boot, stares out beguilingly from one picture.

But the sentimentality stops firmly at the door to Patsy's own office. She describes herself as "a business woman" and readily admits she is not "a scatty animal lover". Champers, her Yorkshire terrier that scuttles about the office, seems just as much a fashion accessory as the chunky gold jewellery and immaculately tailored suit she is wearing.

"When we first started, many of the staff were animal-mad and I had to point out that this wasn't an animal welfare organisation, it was an insurance company," she says. "I took the view that I had to be the firm one."

Her commercial influence on the team is backed up by David Simpson, 47, her business partner, whom she met through a mutual friend. "When I started out, I decided I had to have a partner and it had to be a man." This comes as a surprising admission from the newly crowned Business Woman of the Year but, as Patsy is at pains to point out, few bank managers took women seriously in 1977. In general, she prefers working with women, as they pay greater attention to detail and are more willing to take on tasks. "Men play pass-the-parcel," she says.

But David's quiet diplomacy is a perfect foil for Patsy's feisty bluntness. Moreover, his financial background in merchant banking and property complements her marketing training as an account handler in an advertising agency. While clearly proud of the company's successes, David is happy to stay in the background, and in the early years preferred to stay a silent partner. It was left to Patsy, accompanied by Annie, to travel round dog shows and veterinary surgeries promoting what was essentially a new product.

> 'Small talk in our house was conversations about other people's businesses'

Although horses were usually insured, pet-owners, particularly private ones, had never entertained the idea of taking out a policy on their animals. "It was like inventing Kleenex," says Patsy. "I had to sell the concept before I could sell the product." She would sponsor local meetings of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) but only on condition that they would allow her to give a talk. "They must have thought I was mad," she laughs, but today Patsy is an honorary member of the BSAVA.

Coming from a marketing rather than an insurance background actually worked in her favour as she looked at the product from an owner's rather than an insurer's point of view. "The policies that did exist would only provide cover for animals under eight, and would not pay up if the sickness were hereditary or congenital. What use was that," she derides. Although Pet Plan has become more like an insurance company as premium income has climbed into the tens of millions of pounds, its customers still feel they are members of a friendly club and frequently send in pictures of pets. It is hard to imagine Commercial Union receiving a similar post-bag.

In the beginning, Pet Plan was underwritten by the Dog Breeders Insurance company (DBI), but it rapidly outgrew the company. In the first year, 1,300 animals were insured. By 1980 that figure had increased tenfold. Patsy then joined Lloyd's and last year was the largest sterling account in the Lloyd's livestock market. Ironically, the business really took off when Pet Plan got its first competitor. Paws, which is owned by Jardine. "I was terrified, but it was the best thing that could have happened to us. The veterinary profession suddenly felt it could really promote pet insurance." Today, there is not a surgery in Britain that does not recommend pet insurance — an admirable achievement for something that barely existed 16 years ago. Despite the arrival of further competitors, Pet Plan still has 51 per cent of the small animal insurance market.

In 1988, Patsy decided to enter the horse market as well. Bolstered by the purchase of Norwich Union's equine book last year, the company is now the largest leisure horse insurer.

Relishing the prospect of building up a business all over again, Patsy took personal control of the equine division from the start. "I wasn't conscious of it at the time, but I suppose I was getting a bit stale. It was fun to get my hands on something that was small again."

This unremitting entrepreneurial drive stems from her upbringing in a middle-class Jewish family who ran a sweet shop in north London. "Small talk in our house was conversations about other people's businesses." Patsy's first business venture, at the age of 12, was a record library where she lent out her own 78 rpms to friends for a penny plus sixpence deposit. The enterprise failed because the records kept getting scratched.

She also worked for various charities as a hobby. "What appealed to me was raising the most money. I wasn't interested in the welfare side." She insists success, not money, is now her prime motivation. However, she clearly enjoys the material accoutrements of success, particularly her convertible Mercedes sports car.

To some, her choice of car may be less than subtle, but then nothing about Patsy comes in small doses. Her strong personality is reflected in the vivid primary colours she wears and the dramatic gestures she uses to punctuate her conversation. She is a voluble talker, frequently stopping to ask if she is talking too much, then charging on before you have time to answer.

She approaches work with equal vigour. A self-confessed workaholic, she has neither a husband nor children. "I married the company," she says simply. There are no regrets as the charms of conventional suburban life hold little appeal for her. She admits she is demanding of her work colleagues, expecting them to be as dedicated as she is. Her erratic management style may not be popular, but as she says: "I demand a lot, but then I seem to get it." This does not stem from personal vanity or arrogance but from an unwavering conviction in the business. She confesses to regular bouts of self-doubt, even now, and spent most of the early years "frightened to death". But she insists she has never doubted the company, not even in its darkest moments as in the early eighties when an unsuccessful flirtation with the US market nearly caused its collapse. She is nothing if not tenacious.

Despite Pet Plan's rapid growth, she still believes the most difficult moment was deciding to leave the charity to work on the business full-time. "I was sitting at home one Sunday evening, and I phoned the manager of DBI to ask if he was satisfied with the business. Isn't that a typical woman — asking someone else if they are all right. He said he was, so I gave in my notice. But for years afterwards I had the same dream, that I wanted my old job back and they wouldnt give it to me. As we got more successful, the dream faded away."

JOHN MANNING

Best friend: Patsy Bloom with Champers, her Yorkshire terrier that almost seems like a fashion accessory

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Mondeo sales increase Ford's market share

THE launch of Ford's Mondeo car, which replaces the Sierra, has helped the company achieve its biggest March share of the European market since 1984. Ford's share last month was 12.5 per cent, up 0.5 per cent on the March 1992 figure. About 7,500 Mondeos have been registered in the UK and sales are said to be particularly buoyant in France, Italy and Spain. Ford's share of the European car market for the first three months of this year was 12.1 per cent, up 0.3 per cent on January to March 1992 even though the total sales in the industry were down 16 per cent.

Ford's share of European commercial vehicle sales in the first quarter of this year was 12.6 per cent, up 0.6 per cent on the same period last year and the best January-to-March figure since 1980. Meanwhile, Jaguar of Coventry has announced a new "sporty" XJ6 model — the 3.2S. The car, costing £28,450, is aimed at the younger driver and will be available from mid-May.

Holiday wind-up sought

LEGAL moves to wind up French Country Holidays, the holidays group, were made in the High Court yesterday. A petition was presented on behalf of Michael Helseltine, President of the Board of Trade. The official receiver has been appointed by the court as provisional liquidator pending the petition's hearing later this year. Since November, the company has traded from Lowestoft, Suffolk, selling holidays in French cottages.

BICC share alternative

BICC is offering shareholders a 50 per cent increase over the proposed final dividend if they opt for an enhanced share alternative. The proposal saw BICC shares rise by 14p to 359p. If half BICC's shareholders take up the offer, the group says, its net debt would be cut by £28 million. The choices are a cash dividend of 13.25p a share, payable on the earlier date of June 10, or new shares to a value of 19.875p, for which Barclays de Zoete Wedd offers 18.875p, free of all costs.

Esso project proceeds

ESSO Australia and BHP Petroleum said they will proceed with the A$600 million (£279 million) development of Tuna oil field, in Australia's Bass Strait. Esso, owned by Exxon Corp, said the project would begin with the construction of a second platform. West Tuna, with production due to start in 1996. Tuna A has been producing oil since the 1970s. Esso is the operator of the Bass Strait oil and gas fields and a joint owner with BHP. BHP shares stayed at A$15.

Missile link approved

THE European Commission has approved a joint venture in close air defence systems (CADS) between France's Thomson-CSF and Short Brothers, the British aeronautical and defence systems subsidiary of Bombardier of Canada. The commission said the activities of the two companies involved in the venture, called Shorts Missile Systems, were complementary. In view of the absence of overlap, the commission had decided not to oppose the operation.

Brasway in £3.4m sale

BRASWAY, the engineering group, has sold its tube business to Senior Engineering for up to £3.4 million. Brasway, based in Wednesbury, West Midlands, said it was pulling out of tubing because the industry was dominated by big businesses and it could no longer compete. The tube business, which employs 90 people, made a pre-tax loss of £157,000 in the nine months to January 30, on a turnover of £7.9 million. Senior already has the Phoenix Steel tubing businesses.

Swallowfield dips

SWALLOWFIELD, manufacturer of personal care products, made pre-tax profits of £1.27 million, down from £2.1 million, in the year to end-December. The fall was partly attributed to the purchase and reorganisation of Parbel in Belgium. Terry Organ, chairman, said Parbel had given Swallowfield a valuable entry to the continental market. Earnings fell to 7.3p from 13p a share. The total dividend is reduced to 4.4p a share from 6.1p, with a 2.2p final (3.9p).

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Dublin sells half of Irish Life stake

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish government has raised Ir£104.5 million (£104.1 million) from the sale of half its stake in Irish Life, the republic's biggest insurer in the market for life and pensions policies.

The disposal, which reduces the government's holding from 34 per cent to 15 per cent, follows Irish Life's announcement on Wednesday of a 3 per cent increase in profits for 1992. The pre-tax figure advanced from Ir£40.6 million to Ir£41.6 million.

City analysts say the sale was expected and reduces the government's stake to a token level. In June 1991, the government sold 56 per cent of the company, lowering its holding from 90 per cent to 34 per cent.

Stephen Dias, an insurance analyst at Goldman Sachs, said that when that disposal was made, it was understood that the government intended to sell its remaining shareholding. However, it agreed not to sell any shares for about two years.

Yesterday's sale of 55 million shares was at Ir£1.90 a share, a small discount to the current share price of Ir£1.96. The first disposal, of 168 million shares at Ir£1.60 a share, raised Ir£269 million for the government.

The shares were placed by Davy and NCB, the two Dublin stockbrokers that were involved in the original privatisation. Two-thirds of the shares went to Ireland, the balance being bought by non-Irish investors. This breakdown reflects the existing shareholder base. Most of the new shares are thought to have been bought by existing shareholders.

Barclays unveils plan to raise $300m in America

BY A CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS plans to raise $300 million in the US domestic market through an issue of fixed-rate dollar-denominated convertible capital notes. The notes, which have no fixed maturity but which can under certain circumstances be redeemed by Barclays after ten years, will rank as Tier 2 capital for the bank under the capital adequacy rules implemented by the Bank of England.

The notes will be convertible into dollar-denominated non-cumulative preference shares at Barclays' option. If so converted, the shares will rank as Tier 1 capital. The issue is being lead-managed by Goldman, Sachs & Co. An application will be made to list the securities on the London and New York stock exchanges.

Patrick Perry, group treasurer, said: "This is an innovative product which will further strengthen the capital base of the bank. Issuing as Tier 2 capital is cost-effective, but the structure also gives us the flexibility to increase our Tier 1 capital should we wish."

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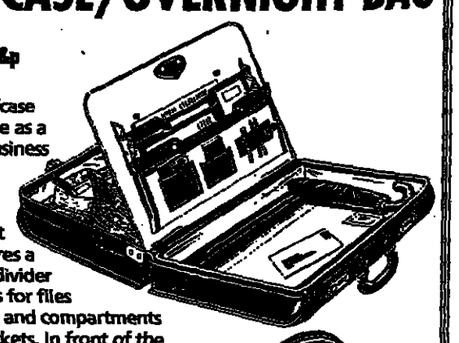

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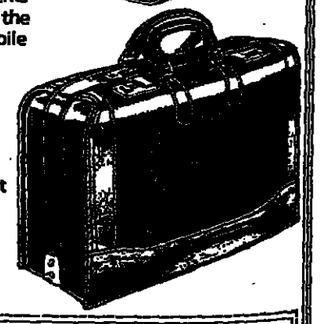

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Tarmac plans to give PSA stake to American firm

By Carl Mortished

A Kansas consulting firm is likely to become the partner in a former state agency involved in developing the Trident nuclear submarine base and the MI6 headquarters

TARMAC, the building group, is negotiating the handover of a half share in PSA Projects, the former government-owned construction design business, to Black & Veatch, an American consultancy firm.

PSA Projects, once a division of the Property Services Agency, was itself handed over free of charge to Tarmac in a controversial privatisation in November. The building company received a £54 million dowry for the loss-making operation. This was intended to cover the cost of redundancies, training for employees and pension provision. According to Tarmac, only half a dozen of the 800 employees taken on as staff have gone since the takeover.

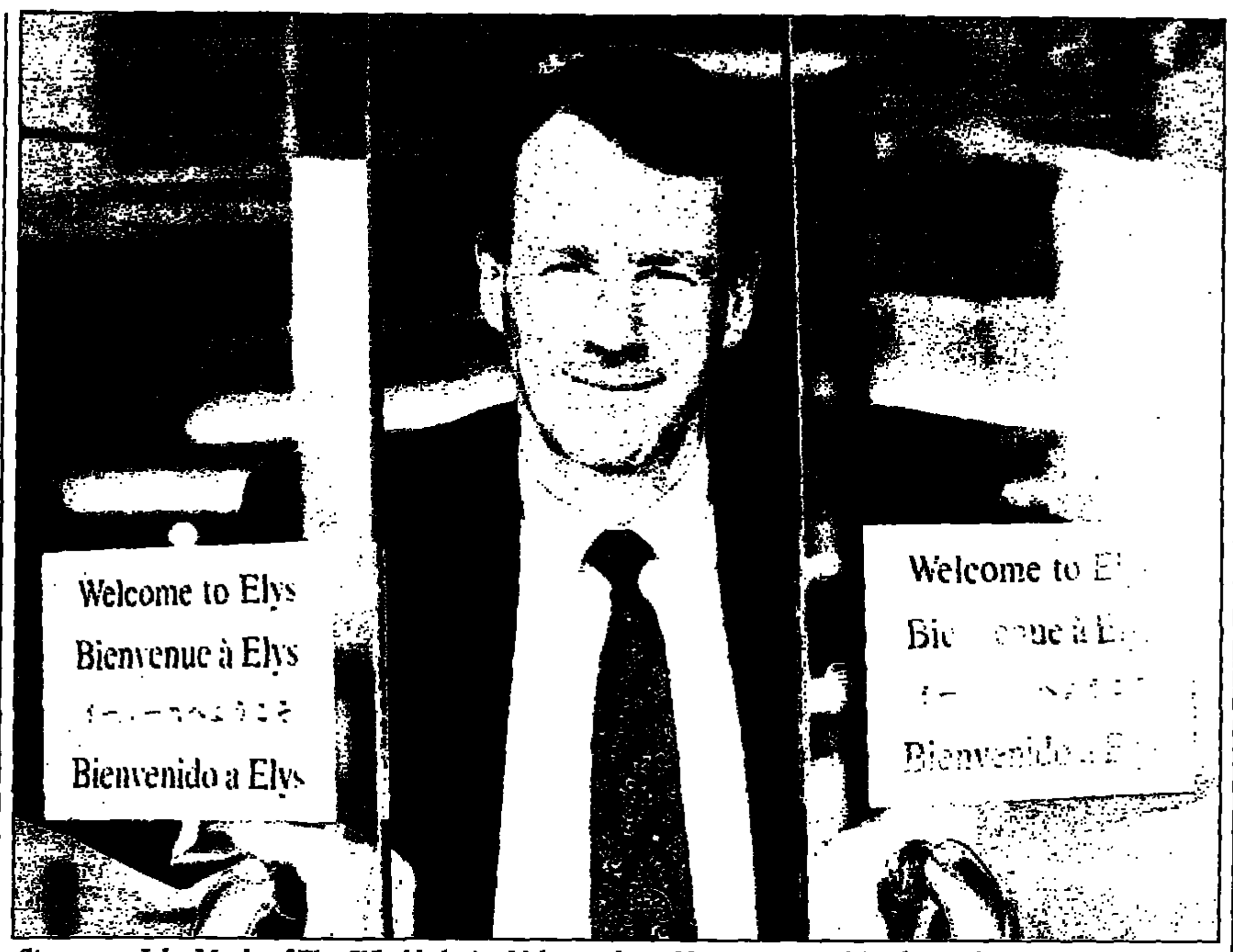
Brian Staples, chief executive of Tarmac Construction, said the aim is for Black & Veatch to take a direct 50 per cent stake in the UK business in a few years. That would require government approval. PSA Projects is involved in work on the Trident submarine base at Faslane, Strathclyde, the MI6 headquarters at Vauxhall, in London, and the new British Library at Euston. Mr Staples said Tarmac made its intentions clear to the government when it made its bid for PSA Projects.

Tarmac confirmed that Black & Veatch would be expected to bring in up to £50 million a year in fee income under current joint venture arrangements. An article in *Building* magazine suggests that a deal would give the Americans an immediate role in PSA Projects and they would be asked to pay for their half share if they failed to meet income targets by 1995.

Doug Henderson MP, Labour's local government spokesman, said he had written to John Redwood, the environment minister, asking whether the government was aware at the time of privatisation that Tarmac had no intention of operating PSA Projects independently and whether it knew the terms of the deal with Black & Veatch. "It rather looks like people have again been kept in the dark," he said.

The environment department's vendor unit said the Tarmac and Black & Veatch proposals improved prospects for PSA Projects staff. The department intends this year to privatise the PSA Building Management division, which runs government-owned properties.

Black & Veatch already has two joint venture projects with Tarmac — TBV Power and TBV Environmental. The proposed partnership with PSA Projects is expected to be strongly involved in defence work. Black & Veatch will bring computerised design expertise to PSA Projects, as well as an international marketing network. The consultancy, based in Kansas City, has a turnover of £500 million.



Store wars: John Moyle, of Elys (Wimbledon), which experienced intense competition from other retailers on pricing

Elys serves up lower profits

By Martin Barrow

ELYS (Wimbledon), the department store in southwest London, is holding its dividend for 1992 at 16p after suffering a decline in profits to £502,000 before tax from £879,000 as depressed consumer expenditure continued to bite.

Turnover, including VAT, eased marginally to £12.1 million from £12.58 million in the year to end-January, but higher costs, coupled with intense competition from other retailers on pricing, saw margins squeezed. Earnings per share dropped from 49.3p to 29p but still covered the dividend 1.8 times.

The company, whose chairman and managing director is John Moyle, completed a three-year refurbishment of its department store earlier in the year in anticipation of the opening of a competing retail development.

But profits have now fallen to levels not seen since the year to January 1987, before the height of the consumer spending boom. Boots, the retail and chemists group, inherited a near 30 per cent stake in Elys through its acquisition of Ward White.

Falling interest rates send National Savings soaring

By Liz Dolan

A HUGE rise in National Savings' contribution to government coffers last year was spurred by sharp falls in savings rates during the year.

Savers who rushed to secure fixed-interest deals as interest rates plunged helped to boost National Savings' estimated net contribution by nearly 40 per cent, to £4.36 billion, in the financial year just ended.

The net contribution by fixed-interest certificates more than doubled to £1.35 billion from £0.63 billion. No fewer than four new issues were announced during the year as circumstances changed. The tax-free rates available plummeted from 8.5 per cent on the 36th issue, which closed on May 2, 1992, to 5.75 per cent on the 40th issue, launched just six months later. In the less-volatile rates climate of 1991-2, the 36th issue was the only one to be launched.

The building societies' inability to compete on rates gave a further boost to National Savings receipts. The FIRST Option Bond, target of most building societies' fury because of its particularly generous terms, contributed £880 million in its first year, despite being on offer for only five months. In its first week, July 7 to 14, it attracted £112.5 million. Building society opposition forced the government to lower the rate after the first couple of weeks from 7.75 per cent net to 7.25 per cent. It was withdrawn completely on November 12 then reintroduced on March 22 at 4.75 per cent.

Premium Bonds more than doubled their contribution, to £229 million from £104 million. National Savings cites an advertising campaign featuring Gary Larson cartoons, plus the knock-on effect of publicity given to the forthcoming national lottery.

Index-linked savings certificates were the second-largest contributer after fixed-rate, at £1.05 billion, against £1.04 billion the previous year. Capital bonds contributed £582 million, (£400 million), on record sales of £470 million.

The total net contribution by National Savings to government funding during March was £198 million, including accrued interest of £111 million. Fixed-interest certificates contributed £53 million, index-linked products £48 million and capital bonds £37 million.

Despite the reduction in the prize-fund rate from 6.5 per cent to 5 per cent on March 1, Premium Bond sales remained strong at £40 million. However, a reaction may occur as awareness of the rate change filters through.

BT orders £8.2m of Leyland trucks

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

PROSPECTS for a successful buyout of the Leyland DAF lorry assembly plant at Leyland, Lancashire, have been enhanced by an order for 206 trucks worth £8.2 million.

The contract was placed with the receivers of the collapsed lorry builder by BT, the telecommunications group. The order coincided with a promise of support from BRS, part of the NFC haulage group, which said it would keep the company on its list of preferred suppliers. Last year, BRS bought 400 Leyland DAF trucks.

A spokesman for Leyland DAF said: "We are naturally delighted. This is the biggest order received since the receivership was announced."

Managers at the Leyland plant are in advanced talks with funding institutions, receivers, and the department of industry about a buyout plan designed to save the business and its 1,100 remaining employees. Executives hope the deal will be completed before the end of the month.

At Birmingham, meantime, lawyers have lost their race to complete documents in time for a buyout of the van plant, which employs a similar number, to be completed on Monday. Completion of the vans buyout, backed by 3i, the venture capital group, is now expected next week.

Two-thirds of the trucks ordered by BT will be completed at Leyland. The remainder will be built in Eindhoven, Holland by DAF Trucks, the company backed by the Dutch and Flemish state governments, which acquired the continental assembly operations of Leyland DAF's collapsed Anglo-Dutch parent, DAF.

BT will take 77 of the new 45 series light truck, which is the biggest single product line at the Leyland plant. The company will also buy 65 Leyland-designed lorries on which to base its new generation of roadside pole erecting units. From Holland, BT will buy 65 of DAF's new 85 series tractors to form the core of its haulage fleet.

Rate cut in Irish Republic

The Irish Republic's Central Bank has cut the short-term facility rate at which it lends to commercial banks by half a percentage point to 9 per cent — its lowest level for four years.

Bertie Ahern, the finance minister, said the move — effective from Monday — should prompt similar cuts in interest rates by banks and building societies.

Vaz plea

Keith Vaz, the Labour MP, is to ask the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee to enquire into why the Bank of England has appeared willing to support some banks but not the four banks serving the Asian community that have closed their doors.

Summer break

De Havilland, the Canadian aircraft builder, is to shut down for two months in the summer.

Hanson buys into US homebuilder

By Our City Staff

THE American arm of Hanson, Hanson Industries, has paid $116 million for parts of Watt Housing Corporation, a residential housebuilder operating in California, Arizona and Nevada.

The deal by Beazer Homes Inc, an affiliate of Hanson Industries, involves 20 developments in California, 17 in Phoenix, Arizona, and seven in Las Vegas covering 3,800 lots with a book value of about $148 million.

David H. Clarke, deputy chairman of Hanson Industries, said: "The acquisition of Watt Housing, at an appropriate time in the homebuilding economic cycle, further expands Hanson's operations in building materials and handling equipment, forest products and homebuilding, in both America and Britain.

"Adding the well-established name of Watt Housing expands Beazer Homes into the growing South West market. In turn, Watt Housing will be bolstered by Hanson's financial strength. Beazer and Watt combined will rank as the 12th-largest single-family homebuilder in America."

In 1992 Beazer Homes sold 1,180 homes, largely in the south-eastern states, in addition to the 4,950 houses it sold in Britain. Hanson says combined sales for housebuilding in 1992 were $602 million, generating pre-tax profits of $80 million. Hanson shares rose 1¼p to 233¾p yesterday.

The deal does not include the WattUS Kapolei Village in Hawaii, the Elkhorn Ranch in Las Vegas, Nevada, and in California the Jess Ranch, Bear Creek, Desert Princess, Fountain Grove, Santiago Estates, Woods Valley and Aquadulce Estates developments.

Vardon takes a punt on bingo halls

By Carl Mortished

VARDON, the leisure group that owns the London Dungeon and Seal Sanctuary, in Cornwall, is expanding into bingo halls by acquiring two businesses, Ritz and Lion Companies, for £9 million.

Vardon is raising £13.5 million in a placing of 19.9 million shares at 72p to finance cash payments to the sellers and development of the bingo business. Some money will also be used to develop Seal Sanctuary. Shareholders can claw back the shares being placed on a pro rata basis at the placing price.

Vardon gets ten bingo clubs, mainly in the South East. Last year, these had a combined turnover of £7 million. In addition, Ritz is shortly to open a 1,200-seat club in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, and Vardon is assuming the lease on a club near Southampton to be developed for Lion Companies.

Lion made a pre-tax profit of £341,000 last year; Ritz's operating profit was £196,000 in the five months to January 31.

According to David Hudd, Vardon's chairman, bingo is moving from refurbished cinemas to larger, purpose-built premises on out-of-town sites with car parking. He wants to open two or three clubs a year.

Wembley, which is selling Lion Companies, receives a cash payment of £3.5 million. The Ritz sellers are being paid with 3.8 million shares and £700,000 in cash; an additional payment of £2 million depends on the profits of the Borehamwood club next year. Ray Hipkin, who founded Ritz, is joining Vardon's board and he and Robin Keston, another Ritz shareholder, will run both Ritz and Lion Companies.

TIM BISHOP

New players: David Hudd and Nick Irens, chief executive, plan additional clubs

BRITISH FUNDS

THE gilts market was depressed by the higher than expected RPI figures for March, with the long gilt future falling by about one point as a result. The gilt future dropped 29 ticks to £105 14/32, on heavy volume of 47,000 contracts traded.

Short prices were also worse on the news, due to fading expectations of a base rate cut. Short sterling futures traded under £94, pointing to three-month interest rates in June being above 6 per cent.

Initial details of the next auction were also announced in the afternoon, pointing to conventional stock in the maturity range 1996-9. When-issued trading is due to start on April 20, with the auction itself on April 28. Among stocks, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 dipped 13 ticks to £110 13/32, while in longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell 34 ticks to £105 16/32.

1993 High	1993 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12¼% 1993	101	-	12.30	5.81
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.83
106	104	Treas 13¾% 1993	104 †	-	13.14	5.83
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	-	8.32	5.83
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	107	-	13.52	5.84
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107 xd	-	12.56	5.93
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	-	9.59	6.08
110	107	Exch 12¼% 1994	108	-	11.56	6.15
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104 †	-	8.64	6.18
111	109	Treas 12% 1995	109	-	10.97	6.34
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96 †	...	3.12	5.06
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	-	9.49	6.39
116	114	Treas 12¾% 1995	114 †	-	11.12	6.50
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	118	-	11.84	6.68
125	122	Treas 15¼% 1996	122 xd	-	12.41	6.80
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	117 xd	-	11.36	6.80
111	109	Conv 10% 1996	110 †	-	9.09	6.81
122	119	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-	11.02	7.03
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	-	9.40	6.96
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	-	8.20	6.96
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	129 †	-	11.57	7.21
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	110	-	8.83	7.14
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	-	7.16	6.95
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99 xd	-	6.77	6.84
138	134	Treas 15½% 1998	135	-	11.42	7.40
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	120 †	-	9.99	7.53
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	110	-	8.63	7.32
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	121	-	10.05	7.59
117	113	Treas 10½% 1999	114 xd	-	9.15	7.46
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	114 †	-	8.98	7.48
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	108	-	8.31	7.43
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	128	-	10.15	7.85
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	112	-	8.85	7.78
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	126 †	-	11.05	7.56
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	-	8.70	7.91
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	101	-	7.91	7.83
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122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	-	9.59	8.05
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71	-	4.90	8.06
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	110 †	-	8.63	8.13
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-	8.63	8.17
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128 †	-	9.71	8.36
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	-	8.05	8.10
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	-	9.56	8.30
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	102	-	8.33	8.25
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136	-	9.90	8.37
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	106 †	-1	8.47	8.27
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	97	-	8.21	8.32
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	105	-1	8.53	8.41
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	-1	8.53	8.42
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	-	7.35	8.09
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	-1	8.24	8.34
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	132	-	9.06	8.65
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	-1	8.52	8.48
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	47	-	8.49	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	41	-	8.46	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.61	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	31	...	7.97	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.44	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
139	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	139 †	+	...	0.90
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	+	1.75	2.45
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108 †	-	2.23	2.77
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	-	2.72	3.04
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162 †	-	2.84	3.11
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110 †	-	2.99	3.25
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	169	-	3.01	3.22
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152 †	-	3.23	3.41
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	-	3.29	3.46
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.36	3.51
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.42	3.57
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-	3.48	3.60
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	-	3.51	3.63
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	-	3.52	3.64

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STOCK MARKET

AT&T challenge hits phone firms

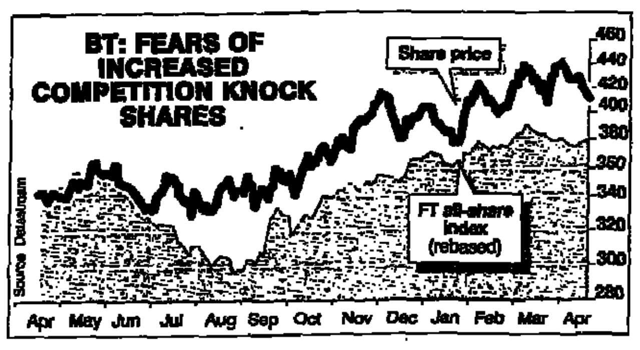
THE threat of competition in their own backyard from American Telephone and & Telegraph depressed the shares of **BT** and **Cable and Wireless**, Britain's two main operators.

AT&T, the US telecommunications group, is proposing to apply for business in Britain. The mere threat of such action was enough to leave BT nursing a fall of 9½p to 411p and Cable and Wireless, which owns Mercury, 13p down at 729p.

The move also had a knock-on effect for **Vodafone**, the mobile telephone operator. 3p easier at 379p. AT&T has also asked American authorities to block BT's expansion plan for the US unless it is given access to the £15 billion UK market.

Analysts, however, are divided over the long-term effect because the UK firms could also benefit from the US market.

The rest of the equity market ended a "messy" three-week trading account on a flat note. Worse than expected inflation figures, showing the headline rate increasing to 1.9 per cent and a further deterioration in the underlying rate, sent share prices lower from the outset. Conditions were also depressed by the effects of the second rail stoppage, which resulted in high absenteeism among City investors. The FT-SE 100 index was nursing a one-time deficit of 22.6 point, but a positive start on Wall Street helped sentiment in London to improve in late trading.



The index trimmed its losses to close down 15.3 points to 2,824.4, making a fall of 28.5 points during the three-week account. Trading volumes remained at a lowly 584.4 million. One senior trader said: "It's the end of a pretty drab three-weeker. The bearish news is that another one starts on Monday."

Meanwhile, **British Steel**, helped by American buying, continued to strengthen, gaining 3¾p to 94¾p, after hitting 97p, a level that is more than double last year's low of 43½p. On Thursday, the group announced the second steel price increases this year. This has helped attract Americans, who remain keen on cyclical stocks likely to benefit from an end to the recession.

One analyst said a belief that steel price increases announced in January were going to stick had prompted his securities firm to revise this year's British Steel profit forecast to £60 million, against earlier expectations it would break even. Another analyst said he expected the shares to break through 100p soon, but it was too soon to revise profit forecasts. He said that further price increases, which some are predicting in the autumn, would spark competition from German and French producers.

SmithKline Beecham A rose 6p to 419p in the wake of Thursday's announcement, after the market had closed, that it had settled its patents dispute with **Glaxo** over ondansetron, the anti-vomiting drug marketed as Zofran. SB has handed the patents to its pharmaceuticals rival. Glaxo, which has agreed to pay royalties, fell 8p to 554p.

Fyffes jumped 23p to 123p after the Irish food group said that it had received a possible bid approach. Market speculation was centered across the Atlantic with either Dole or Chiquita favoured. Geest, its British rival, gained 4p to 448p as analysts began to reasses the company's value in the wake of the bid for Fyffes.

Irish Life eased 1p to 195p after the government of the Irish Republic sold part of its stake in the company. The 55 million shares were placed with various institutional investors at 190p each.

Tarmac firmed 1p to 132p after it said it was negotiating to bring in a American partner for its PSA Projects subsidiary.

The power generators resisted the downward pull of the rest of the market, although closing below their best, helped by talk of a buy recommendation from UBS, the stockbroker. **PowerGen** gained 3p to 347½p while **National Power** was 1½p firmer at 341½p, after briefly touching 343p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BICC advanced 13p to 358p after it offered shareholders the chance to take shares instead of cash for a dividend. BICC joins a number of other top companies in offering an enhanced share alternative. It is offering holders new ordinary shares to a value of 19.875p per share, as an alternative to the final cash dividend of 13.25p.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

"It was the longest recession of the post-war period. Coming after the boom of the 1980s, it was also the most brutal, an ice-bath cure for an overheated economy. But it is over. The false dawns are behind us. Recovery is underway . . ."

David Smith, Business Focus — The Sunday Times tomorrow

WALL STREET

Dow opens with modest gains

New York — Wall Street stocks retained modest gains in late-morning activity while the broad and secondary markets were stuck at flat to lower levels. Ned Collins, head of trading at Daiwa, said some brokerage recommendations helped certain stocks and groups such as the paper sector, but that the broader market's trend was choppy. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 8.37 points at 3,464.29 after reaching 3,472.67.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended lower in lacklustre trading, with the Nikkei average down 377.98 points to 20,297.86. Profit-taking and position-squaring by dealers before the weekend hit prices as the market faced adjustment after recent rallies, brokers said.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed lower on profit-taking after narrow trading. The Hang Seng index lost 34.89 points to close at 6,697.15.

☐ **Singapore** — Retail investors have begun pumping money into the market, sending it to a record-breaking streak which it is thought will continue through next week. The Straits Times industrial index posted a record closing high for the third successive day, ending at 1,763.35, up 31.95 points from Thursday.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares ended the week, with the all-ordinaries index, the key market indicator above the psychological level of 1,700 points. The index closed, down 0.9 points, at 1,703.2.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed 3.64 points higher at 1,678.85. (Reuter)

	Apr 16 midday	Apr 15 close
AMP Inc	60¼	59¾
AMR Corp	69	66¼
Abbott Labs	25¾	25½
Aetna Life	51½	51¼
Ahmanson (HF)	18¼	18½
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	42¼
Albertson's	54¼	55
Alcan Aluminum	18⅛	17¼
Alco Standard	47¼	47¼
Allied Signal	69¾	68⅜
Alum Co of Am	63¼	63⅛
Amax	16⅞	16½
Amerada Hess	54⅛	55⅞
Amer Brands	31	31¼
Amer Cyanamid	50¼	52¼
Amer El Power	37¼	37⅜
Amer Express	29	28¼
Amer Genl Corp	32⅞	32⅜
Amer Home Pr	64¼	64⅛
Amer Intl	130¼	131¼
Amer Stores	41	41
Amer T & T	59⅞	59¼
Ameritech	78⅜	78¼
Amoco	58⅜	58¼
Anheuser-Busch	51¼	51⅛
Apple Computer	48	47¼
Archer Daniels	24⅛	24
Arkla	9⅞	9⅞
Armco	6⅞	7
Armstrong Wrld	33⅜	33⅜
Asarco	20⅞	20⅜
Ashland Oil	27	27
Atl Richfield	125¾	124¼
Auto Data Pro	49	51
Avery Dennison	30⅜	29⅜
Avon Products	60	61¼
Baker Hughes	26¼	25⅜
Baltim Gas & El	26⅛	26⅛
Banc One	60	60⅜
BankAmerica	52¼	53
Bank of NY	60	59¼
Bankers Tr NY	77¼	76½
Barnett Banks	47¼	47⅜
Bausch & Lomb	50⅜	51¼
Baxter Intl	29¼	29⅜
Bectn Dicknsn	34⅞	34⅞
Bell Atlantic	54¼	54⅞
BellSouth	56⅜	56⅜
Black & Decker	18	17¼
Block (H&R)	34¼	34⅛
Boeing	37⅛	37⅛
Boise Cascade	24½	24¼
Borden Inc	25¼	25⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	59¼	59⅜
Browning Ferris	27⅞	27¼
Burlington Nthn	58	56¼
CBS	237¼	236½
CNA Financial	98¼	97½
CPC Intl	42	42⅞
CSX	77¼	78
Campbell Soup	38¼	38⅜
Can Pacific	15⅜	15⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	547¼	545¼
Cpd Holdings	85	84
Carolina Pwr	34¼	33⅜
Caterpillar	61⅛	61⅛
Central & SW	34¼	33¼
Champion Intl	32¼	32¼
Chase Manhtn	36⅛	36⅜
Chemical Bk	40⅞	41¼
Chevron Corp	84	83¼
Chrysler	43⅜	43
Chubb Corp	95	95¼
Cigna Corp	62¼	62¼
Citicorp	29¼	29¼
Clorox	47¼	48
Coastal Corp	27¼	27⅛
Coca Cola	38⅜	39⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	60	62¼
Columbia Gas	23⅜	23¼
Commonw Ed	29¼	29¼
Compaq Comp	51⅛	51¼
Comp Ass Int	23	23¼
Conagra	24⅜	24½
Cons Edison	37¼	36¼
Cons Nat Gas	49⅜	50
Cons Rail	58⅜	59¼
Cooper Inds	47⅜	47⅜
Corning Inc	34½	34½
Crown Cork	39⅜	38¼
Dana Corp	47⅜	48
Dayton Hudson	74⅛	76
Deere	58	58⅜
Delta Air Lines	58¼	57⅜
Deluxe Corp	46	45⅜
Detroit Edison	36½	36⅜
Digital Equip	41¼	40¼
Dillard Dept St	37⅛	36¼
Disney (Walt)	41½	41⅛
Dominion Res	45	45
Donelley (RR)	28⅜	28¼
Dover Corp	49	49
Dow Chemicals	50¼	49⅜
Dow Jones	32⅜	32
Dresser	21	20⅜
Duke Power	41⅛	40⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	58¼	58⅜
Du Pont	52⅜	51⅛
Eastman Kodak	55⅜	55
Exxon Corp	90⅜	90⅜

	Apr 16 midday	Apr 15 close
Emerson Elec	60⅜	60¼
Engelhard Corp	36⅞	36½
Enron Corp	60¼	59⅜
Entergy Corp	37⅜	37¼
Ethyl Corp	30	29⅜
Exxon	68¼	67¼
FMC Corp	45⅜	46¼
FPL Group	38¼	38
Federal Express	55⅜	55⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	82¼	82⅜
First Chicago	43¼	43¼
First Interstate	60	60¼
Frst Union Rlty	12⅞	12⅞
Fleet Fnl Grp	35¼	35⅞
Fluor Corp	43	43
Ford Motor	54⅞	54⅛
GTE Corp	36⅜	35⅞
Gannett	53⅛	53
Gap Inc Del	28¼	28⅜
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅜
Gen Dynamics	98	97¼
Gen Electric	94⅛	95¼
Gen Mills	66¼	66⅛
Gen Motors	40⅞	40
Gen Reinsurance	121¼	120¼
Gen Signal	63⅞	63½
Genuine Parts	35⅞	34⅛
Georgia Pac	66¼	65¼
Gillette	49⅞	54
Glaxo ADR	16⅛	17¼
Goodrich (BF)	47¼	47⅞
Goodyear Tire	76½	75⅛
Grace (W&R)	40⅞	40¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29⅞	27¼
Great Wstn Fin	19⅛	18¼
Halliburton	37⅝	36⅜
Heinz (HJ)	37⅜	37⅞
Hercules	76⅛	76¼
Hershey Foods	52¼	52¼
Hewlett Packard	73¼	73½
Hilton Hotels	46½	46⅜
Home Depot	41⅛	42¼
Homestake	14	13⅜
Honeywell	33⅜	33¼
Household Intl	72	71¼
Houston Inds	48¼	48⅜
Humana	6⅞	6⅜
ITT Corp	82¼	81¼
Illinois Tool	75⅛	76
INCO	23¼	23½
Ingersoll Rand	31⅛	31¼
Inland Steel	22⅞	22⅜
Intel Corp	109¾	111¼
IBM	48⅜	48¼
Intl Flav & Fr	116¼	118⅜
Intl Paper	64¼	64¼
James River Va	19⅛	19½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39⅜	36¼
K Mart	22½	22⅞
Kellogg	56¼	57½
Kerr-McGee	49¼	48¼
Kimberly-Clark	49⅜	51¼
Knight-Ridder	57⅜	56⅞
Lilly (Eli)	46	46⅜
Limited Inc	22⅞	22⅜
LIN Brdcstng	81⅛	81¼
Lincoln Nat	83	82⅜
Litton	59	58⅜
Liz Claiborne	35⅛	35⅛
Lockheed Corp	64½	64⅜
Louisiana Pac	75⅜	74⅛
MCI Commun	47½	47¼
Marriott	25⅜	25¼
Marsh & McLnn	94⅜	94⅜
Martin Marietta	74¼	74¼
Masco Corp	32¼	32¼
May Dept St	73	73¼
Maytag Corp	13¼	13⅜
McCaw Cellular	35½	35⅜
McDonalds	49⅞	49⅜
McDonnell D	60⅛	60⅜
McGraw Hill	63⅛	62⅜
Mead Corp	43⅜	42⅜
Medtronic	61⅛	58⅜
Mellon Bk	62⅞	62⅜
Melville Corp	45⅜	45⅜
Merck Inc	33⅜	33
Merrill Lynch	76½	76⅜
Minnesota Mine	114½	114
Mobil Corp	70⅜	70⅜
Monsanto	54¼	53⅜
Morgan (JP)	73⅜	71⅛
Motorola Inc	71⅛	73⅛
Natl Medical	7⅜	7⅜
Natl Semi	12⅞	13¼
Natl Service Ind	25	25
Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	35	34⅜
NY Times A	30⅜	30⅛
Newmont Mng	41¼	41⅛
Niag Mohawk	22⅜	22⅛
Nike B	73⅞	73⅜
NL Industries	5⅛	5¼
Nordstrom	29⅞	29
Norfolk Sthrn	65⅞	65⅜
Nthn State Pwr	46⅛	46⅛
Norwest Corp	52¼	53⅜
Nynex Corp	89⅜	89⅜
Occidental Pet	22½	22¼
Ohio Edison	25⅜	25½

	Apr 16 midday	Apr 15 close
Oracle Systems	35⅜	34¼
Oryx Energy Co	26½	24⅜
PNC Financial	34¼	35⅜
PPG Industries	74½	73⅜
Paccar Inc	65⅛	63⅜
Pacificorp	19	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	24⅜	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	35	34⅞
Pac Telesis	48⅞	48⅞
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle Eas	23⅜	23⅛
Paramnt Comm	50⅞	50⅜
Parker Hannifin	29⅞	29⅜
Penney (JC)	84½	84⅜
Pennzoil	60⅜	60⅜
Pepsico	37⅜	38⅜
Pfizer	60⅛	60⅜
Phelps Dodge	44⅜	45⅞
Philadel Elec	31⅛	30⅞
Philip Morris	49⅞	48⅜
Phillips Pet	30⅞	29⅜
Pitney Bowes	43⅞	43⅞
Polaroid	28¼	28⅜
Price Co	29⅞	29⅜
Primerica	48⅜	48⅜
Procter & Gmbl	48⅜	49⅜
Pub Serv E & G	34⅞	35
Quaker Oats	63½	63⅜
Ralston Purina	46⅞	47½
Raychem Corp	41¼	41⅛
Raytheon	58¼	58⅜
Reebok Intl	33¼	33½
Reynolds Metals	44¼	44⅜
Roadway Srvcs	60⅜	60⅜
Rockwell Intl	33⅜	32⅜
Rohm & Haas	59⅜	57¼
Royal Dutch	89⅞	90⅜
Rubbermaid	32⅜	33⅜
Safeco Corp	62⅜	62¼
St Paul's Cos	79⅞	79⅛
Salomon Inc	37⅜	38
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅛	15⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25⅜	26
Secorp	48⅞	48⅜
Schering Plough	59⅜	58⅜
Schlumberger	64⅛	63⅜
Scott Paper	35	34⅞
Seagram	28¼	27⅜
Sears Roebuck	53⅜	52⅜
Shell Trans	54¼	54⅛
Sherwin Wilms	34⅛	35½
Skyline Corp	20	19⅞
Snap-On-Tools	34	34⅛
Southern Co	44¼	44⅞
Sthwestern Bell	80⅞	79⅜
Sprint Corp	32⅜	32
Stanley Works	47¼	47⅜
Sun Company	23⅞	22⅜
Suntrust	47⅜	47⅜
Supervalu	32⅛	32
Syntex Corp	18¼	18⅛
Sysco Corp	23⅜	23⅜
TRW Inc	65⅜	65⅛
Tandem Comp	12⅞	12⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅞	29⅜
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	21½	21
Temple Inland	46⅛	46⅞
Tenneco	47⅜	47⅜
Texaco	64½	64⅞
Texas Inst	54⅜	54⅞
Texas Utilities	47	46⅞
Textron	47⅞	47⅞
Time Warner	34¼	33⅜
Times-Mirror	31	30⅜
Timken	29⅞	29⅜
Torchmark	59⅜	59⅜
Toys R Us	38⅞	38⅞
Transamerica	54	53⅜
Travelers Corp	27⅜	28
Tribune	55⅛	55⅞
Tyco Labs	44¼	45
UAL Corp	147¼	146⅛
UST Inc	28⅛	29⅞
USX Marathon	19½	19⅜
Unilever NV	114¼	115½
Union Camp	44⅛	43⅞
Union Carbide	19⅜	18¼
Union Pacific	65⅞	64⅜
Unisys Corp	13⅛	13⅞
USAIR Group	22⅜	21⅛
USF&G Corp	18⅜	17⅜
US Life	38¼	39
US West	43⅜	43
United Tech	49⅜	49¼
Unocal Corp	31	30⅜
Upjohn	29	28½
VF Corp	51	51
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅛	27⅜
Warner-Lambert	70⅜	69⅜
Waste Mgmnt Inc	33⅜	33⅞
Wells Fargo	119⅜	114⅜
Westinghouse El	15⅜	15⅜
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	55⅜	55⅜
Whitman	13⅜	13⅜
Winn Dixie	56⅛	54½
Woolworth	30	29⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31½	31¼
Xerox	80⅜	80⅞

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RISES:	
SKF 'B'	662½p (+25p)
Liberty Life	832p (+53p)
Mountview	850p (+50p)
RMC Group	651p (+22p)
Liberty	595p (+15p)
BICC	358p (−13p)
FALLS:	
SA Breweries	770p (-93p)
Carlton Comm	743p (-12p)
Thomson Corp	765p (-10p)
BAT	895p (-10p)
BAA	775p (-10p)
P&O	547p (-15p)
Hartstone	108p (-16p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Anglo United Wts	½	...
Brown (D) (170)	214	+7
David Lloyd Leisure (150)	170	−6
Fleming Emerging Mkts	103	...
Frgn & Col US Smler Co	102	...
Frgn & Col US Smler Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	...
Holliday Chemical (195)	209	...
Pilot Invstmnt Tst (100)	97½	...
Pilot Invstmnt Wts	27	...
Quality Sftwre Prods (380)	469	...
Westminster Hlthcre	284	−3
Yorkshire Food (110)	132	−2

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	377.30	399.30	+ 0.80	...
Series Equity	475.20	502.90	+ 0.10	...
Series Prop Fd	389.20	411.90	- 3.20	...
Series Fixed Int	308.10	326.10	- 0.50	...
Series Money Fd	238.10	252.00	+ 0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	278.70	295.00	+ 1.10	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.04	17.94	+ 0.01	...
Bear	17.78	18.72	- 0.02	...
Owl	17.39	18.31	+ 0.04	...
Bull	15.70	16.53	+ 0.05	...
Stag	16.45	17.32	+ 0.05	...
Gilt Edged	17.63	17.63	- 0.02	...
Deposit	15.05	15.05	+ 0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.65	23.85	+ 0.03	...
Bear	23.48	24.72	+ 0.03	...
Owl	22.84	24.05	+ 0.07	...
Bull	19.53	20.56	+ 0.07	...
Stag	19.73	20.77	+ 0.08	...
Gilt Edged	21.49	21.49	- 0.02	...
Deposit	19.03	19.03	+ 0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	500.86	500.87	+ 1.54	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	298.56	314.28	+ 1.24	...
N Amer Equity	272.55	286.90	+ 0.73	...
Far East Equity	347.54	365.84	+ 6.22	...
Fixed	275.53	290.04	- 0.28	...
Cash Deposit	193.33	203.51	+ 0.19	...
Property	103.28	108.72	- 0.42	...
Special Opp	309.45	326.74	- 3.49	...
Managed	263.45	277.32	+ 0.91	...
Index-Linked Fd	184.92	194.66	- 0.06	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	249.10	262.30	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	438.40	461.50	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fd Inc	153.20	161.30	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	193.60	203.80	+ 1.50	...
Selective Fd	435.00	457.90	+ 0.50	...
Money Fd	354.30	373.00	+ 0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	342.20	360.30	- 0.20	...
Equity Ser 4	190.90	201.00	+ 1.20	...
Man Ser 4	582.00	612.70	+ 2.00	...
Conv Ser 4	310.90	327.30	+ 0.30	...
Money Ser 4	310.60	327.00	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	323.10	340.20	- 0.30	...
American Ser 4	464.90	489.40	- 0.70	...
High Inc Ser 4	580.70	611.30	+ 1.80	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	198.70	209.20	- 0.60	...
Japan Ser 4	334.10	351.70	- 4.30	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1373.9	1446.2	-13.00	...
European Fd Acc	299.90	315.60	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int Acc	488.70	514.30	- 1.30	...
Gtd Money Acc	316.90	333.50	- 0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	514.50	541.50	+ 6.70	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	313.30	329.80	...	...
Japan Fund	265.30	279.20	+ 4.10	...
N American Acc	296.00	311.60	+ 1.60	...
Prop Fd Acc	367.50	386.80	+ 0.10	...
Multiple Inv Acc	917.40	965.80	+ 7.40	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	353.40	372.00	- 0.30	...
Equity Acc	1202.9	1266.3	+ 3.90	...
Property Acc	466.80	491.40	- 0.50	...
Far East Acc	246.90	259.90	+ 4.50	...
Managed Capital	471.00	495.80	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc	930.60	979.60	+ 2.10	...
Overseas Acc	809.60	852.30	+ 4.60	...
Gilt Edged Acc	434.70	457.60	- 2.10	...
Amer Equity Acc	693.30	729.80	+ 3.60	...
Amer Man Acc	298.50	314.30	+ 1.10	...
Amer Prop Acc	115.10	121.20	- 1.60	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	135.70	142.80	- 0.20	...
Balced Ser 5	609.30	641.30	- 0.50	...
Opportunity Ser 5	135.10	142.20	- 0.30	...
UK Equities Ser 5	829.00	872.60	+ 2.60	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	872.20	918.10	- 2.50	...
North Amer Ser 5	406.00	427.30	- 3.60	...
Far East Ser 5	464.60	489.00	+ 0.10	...
Europe Ser 5	296.10	311.60	- 0.40	...
Intnl Ser 5	483.80	509.20	- 1.70	...
Property Ser 5	468.50	493.10	- 0.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	385.00	405.20	- 2.40	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	172.10	181.70	- 0.20	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	280.50	295.20	+ 0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	722.40	760.50	+ 4.30	...
-do- Initial	505.90	532.60	+ 2.90	...
Gilt Edged Acc	362.10	381.20	- 0.40	...
-do- Initial	255.80	269.30	- 0.30	...
International Acc	345.80	364.00	+ 1.90	...
-do- Initial	242.70	255.50	+ 1.30	...
Managed Acc	454.90	478.90	+ 2.00	...
-do- Initial	319.80	336.70	+ 1.30	...
Money Acc	276.20	290.80	+ 0.30	...
Property Acc	251.00	264.30	+ 0.40	...
-do- Initial	175.20	184.50	+ 0.30	...
America Acc	262.40	276.30	+ 0.30	...
Australia Acc	182.30	191.90	+ 3.60	...
Financial Acc	265.70	279.70	+ 2.30	...
500 Accum	383.30	403.50	- 0.40	...
Japan Genl Acc	334.40	352.00	- 1.40	...
Income Acc	450.40	474.20	+ 2.20	...
Leisure Acc	189.80	199.80	+ 2.20	...
Special Sits Acc	192.10	202.30	+ 1.10	...
Univ Tech Acc	128.20	135.00	+ 0.90	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	699.11	699.11	+ 1.52	...
Income Fund	664.40	699.37	+ 2.75	...
Extra Income	607.31	639.28	+ 1.74	...
Worldwide Gth	427.53	450.04	+ 3.60	...
Balanced Fund	580.80	611.37	+ 2.46	...
Smllr Cos Recov	585.71	616.54	+ 1.51	...
N Amer & Gen'l	342.02	360.03	+ 1.21	...
Pacific Basin	338.49	356.31	+ 4.06	...
German Growth	194.76	205.02	+ 2.55	...
Japan Growth	156.99	165.26	+ 1.93	...
The UK Gth Fd	184.08	193.77	+ 0.58	...
Contl Euro Gth	105.02	110.55	+ 0.19	...
Property Fund	338.54	356.36	+ 0.34	...
Fixed Interest	289.80	305.06	+ 0.34	...
Cash Fund	268.99	283.15	+ 0.21	...
Managed Inv	428.10	450.64	+ 0.78	...
Nth Amer Recov	220.14	231.73	+ 0.11	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	390.15	410.69	+ 3.72	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	137.20	145.20	+ 1.60	...
Performance Plus	133.90	141.70	+ 1.80	...
With Profit Perf	158.90	168.10	+ 0.30	...
UK Opportunity	155.60	164.70	+ 1.20	...
Euro Opportunity	167.90	177.70	+ 1.80	...
North Amer Opp	133.00	140.70	+ 0.90	...
Far East Opp	148.30	156.90	+ 4.80	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	152.90	161.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	149.40	158.10	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Int	166.80	176.50	- 0.90	...
Cash	148.30	156.90	+ 0.20	...
Overseas	153.80	162.80	+ 1.00	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	1238.60	...	...	...
Managed	286.20	301.30	+ 1.90	...
Property	193.60	203.80	- 0.10	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	220.60	232.30	- 0.20	...
Index-Linked	180.10	189.70	...	...
Equity	311.00	327.40	+ 1.60	...
Cash	207.60	218.50	+ 0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	307.60	323.80	- 0.20	...
CLife Ind Fd	324.40	341.60	+ 3.80	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£109.80	...	- 0.10	...
Property Units	£25.12	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£57.05	£60.37	- 0.02	...
2nd Equity Acc	557.30	589.70	+ 0.30	...
2nd High Inc Acc	528.60	559.40	- 1.00	...
2nd Property Acc	230.70	244.10	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	166.90	176.60	+ 0.30	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	407.00	430.70	...	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	195.80	207.20	+ 0.40	...
2nd Deposit Acc	267.00	282.50	+ 0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	274.90	290.90	- 0.70	...
2nd Amer Acc	562.60	595.30	- 1.60	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	245.90	260.20	- 3.00	...
2nd Index Acc	184.30	195.00	- 0.40	...
2nd Far East Acc	381.00	403.20	+ 1.90	...
2nd Global Acc	151.90	160.70	- 0.70	...
2nd Euro Acc	132.40	140.10	+ 0.10	...
2nd Japan Acc	200.50	212.20	- 1.00	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.10	72.10	...	...
2nd Int Cu Bd Acc	151.20	160.00	+ 1.00	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	109.30	115.70	+ 0.50	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Scotty House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	179.10	188.60	...	...
Managed Fund	532.20	560.50	+ 2.70	...
Equity Fund	301.30	317.20	+ 1.90	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	245.60	258.60	+ 1.20	...
Ruby	138.10	145.40	+ 1.30	...
Emerald	133.40	140.50	- 0.40	...
Equity	282.40	297.30	+ 0.80	...
Property	174.70	183.90	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	191.20	201.30	- 1.00	...
Indexed Secs	157.30	165.60	- 0.50	...
Cash	177.30	186.60	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	195.50	205.80	- 0.50	...
Far East	241.00	253.70	+ 6.60	...
International	195.60	205.90	+ 1.30	...
Special Sits	260.40	274.20	+ 5.80	...
Intl Income	251.60	264.90	- 0.90	...
American Inc	168.60	177.50	...	...
European	243.90	256.80	+ 2.00	...
Japanese	136.80	144.00	+ 0.50	...
SE Asia	261.40	275.20	+ 5.40	...
With Profits Reg	145.80	153.50	+ 0.20	...
-do- Spec	145.80	153.50	- 0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	268.70	282.90	+ 0.90	...
Equity	321.30	338.30	+ 1.00	...
Property	169.60	178.60	- 0.90	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	226.40	238.40	- 2.30	...
Index Linked	165.20	173.90	- 0.60	...
Cash	231.20	243.40	+ 0.30	...
Nth American	241.00	253.70	+ 1.00	...
Far East Acc	278.40	293.10	+ 5.40	...
International Acc	244.20	257.10	+ 0.20	...
Special Sits	380.00	400.10	- 2.00	...
European Flex	323.30	340.30	+ 1.90	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Unisys)Key	1204.31	...	- 1.19	...
-do- Pacemaker	1280.86	...	+ 0.87	...
-do- Cash	194.70	204.95	+ 0.13	...
-do- Equity	461.64	485.94	- 0.32	...
-do- Fxd Int	342.04	360.04	+ 2.63	...
-do- Managed	338.24	356.04	- 0.09	...
-do- Property	238.12	250.65	+ 0.41	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	204.90	215.69	+ 0.12	...
-do- Cash Inv	283.22	298.13	+ 0.56	...
-do- Equity Cap	1253.6	1319.6	-16.00	...
-do- Equity Inv	1732.7	1823.9	-10.64	...
-do- Fixed Cap	371.60	391.17	+ 0.66	...
-do- Fixed Inv	513.64	540.69	+ 1.65	...
-do- Index Cap	201.98	212.63	- 0.15	...
-do- Index Inv	279.19	293.89	+ 0.18	...
Mngd Cap	512.36	539.34	- 2.98	...
Mngd Inv	708.19	745.48	- 3.11	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	$596.14	...	+ 3.81	...
Var Ann (5)	$83.20	...	+ 0.13	...
Prime Managed	347.30	365.60	+ 1.50	...
Prime UK Equity	413.00	434.80	- 1.90	...
Prime Int Equity	262.00	275.80	+ 1.70	...
Prime Property	194.40	204.70	+ 0.10	...
Prime Fxd Int	223.30	235.10	- 0.70	...
Prime Index-Lnk	161.60	170.20	- 1.10	...
Prime Cash	194.60	204.90	+ 0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	995.00	1047.3	- 2.30	...
Equity Fund	1424.3	1499.2	- 3.40	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	518.90	546.20	- 6.20	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	341.00	358.90	+ 0.80	...
Life Equity Acc	706.00	743.10	-14.30	...
Life Money Acc	287.10	302.20	+ 0.80	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	643.70	677.50	+ 2.10	...
Life Intl Acc	453.00	476.80	+ 3.50	...
Life High Inc Acc	668.00	703.10	- 9.40	...
Life Property Acc	210.50	221.50	+ 0.50	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	612.10	644.30	- 6.30	...
DBS Managed	227.70	239.60	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	166.10	174.90	+ 0.20	...
Blue Chip Fund	217.00	228.50	- 0.10	...
-do- Series 2	139.00	146.40	...	...
Adventurous Fd	182.00	191.60	- 0.10	...
-do- Series 2	136.40	143.60	...	...
Performance Fd	220.50	232.20	+ 0.10	...
-do- Series 2	142.30	149.80	+ 0.10	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	137.40	144.70	- 0.30	...
UK Equity Fund	138.00	145.30	+ 0.20	...
Property Fund	102.70	108.20	- 0.80	...
Envrnmntl Opps	138.10	145.40	+ 0.40	...
Euro Fund	140.10	147.50	+ 0.80	...
North Amer Fd	172.90	182.10	+ 0.10	...
Oriental Ops	148.40	156.30	+ 4.70	...
Japanese Fund	117.00	123.20	- 0.70	...
Bd & West Life	112.70	118.70	- 0.20	...
Bd & West Pen	124.20	130.80	- 0.30	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	241.50	250.30	+ 0.70	3.66
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	265.90	279.90	+ 1.60	...
UK Equity	352.70	371.30	+ 2.20	...
Stewardship	303.20	319.20	- 1.20	...
Overseas Equity	238.20	250.80	+ 2.30	...
North American	131.80	138.80	+ 0.10	...
Pacific Basin	128.20	135.00	+ 2.10	...
European	166.50	175.30	+ 2.10	...
Property	188.40	198.40	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	209.20	220.30	- 0.30	...
Index Linked	155.60	163.80	- 0.40	...
Cash	189.00	199.00	+ 0.10	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 238 4567				
GT Plan Far East	293.50	309.00	+ 7.80	...
GT Plan Wwide	410.90	432.60	+ 0.80	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	180.00	189.40	+ 1.30	...
Unitised Profit	120.40	126.60	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	243.20	255.90	+ 1.10	...
Fixed Int	178.60	187.90	- 1.50	...
Index-Linked	155.70	163.80	- 0.70	...
Cash Deposit	166.20	174.90	+ 0.10	...
Property	159.60	167.90	+ 0.10	...
International	160.20	168.50	- 0.20	...
American	146.60	154.20	+ 2.00	...
Japan	230.40	242.40	- 1.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	222.30	233.90	+ 4.50	...
European	155.70	163.80	+ 0.60	...
Pacific Fund	212.00	223.00	+ 5.60	...
Conv Life	128.30	135.00	+ 0.80	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	628.00	628.00	+ 0.90	...
-do- Inv A	627.90	661.00	+ 0.90	...
UK Equity	358.70	377.70	- 0.40	...
Gilt Plus	197.00	207.50	- 0.40	...
Managed	273.70	288.20	+ 0.40	...
Inter Man	247.30	260.40	+ 0.30	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	641.20	675.70	+ 1.50	...
Money Fund	300.40	316.20	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	359.20	389.20	- 2.90	...
Fixed Interest	263.10	277.20	+ 3.50	...
Property Fund	332.10	349.90	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	481.20	507.10	+ 4.70	...
Income	642.00	676.50	+ 1.80	...
International Gth	517.80	545.60	- 2.10	...
Capital Fund	549.60	579.10	- 0.10	...
Recovery Fund	527.70	556.10	- 4.10	...
Japan & General	252.10	265.60	+ 6.10	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	636.30	662.90	...	...
Managed Initial	406.60	428.00	+ 1.80	...
-do- Acc	568.80	588.20	+ 2.70	...
Equity Initial	593.40	624.60	+ 2.90	...
-do- Acc	815.60	858.50	+ 4.40	...
Fixed Int Initial	407.60	429.10	- 1.90	...
-do- Acc	560.30	589.80	- 2.30	...
Intl Initial	407.10	428.50	+ 3.10	...
-do- Acc	559.50	589.00	+ 4.60	...
Nth Amer Initial	172.40	181.50	+ 3.20	...
-do- Acc	215.70	227.00	+ 4.10	...
Pacific Initial	216.40	227.80	+ 3.10	...
-do- Acc	268.10	282.20	+ 3.90	...
Property Initial	149.80	157.70	...	...
-do- Acc	205.70	216.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Inlt	155.00	163.20	- 0.40	...
-do- Acc	193.90	204.10	- 0.40	...
Deposit Initial	192.80	203.00	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	266.10	279.00	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	82.40	86.80	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	95.30	100.30	+ 0.30	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	144.20	151.70	+ 0.80	...
-do- Pens	170.60	179.50	+ 1.30	...
UK Equity	140.50	147.80	+ 1.00	...
-do- Pens	153.40	161.40	+ 1.50	...
International	128.30	135.00	+ 1.20	...
-do- Pens	138.20	145.40	+ 1.40	...
Deposit	133.30	140.30	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	154.60	162.70	+ 0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	344.80	366.90	+ 3.10	...
North America	315.20	335.40	+ 2.20	...
Far East Fund	488.80	520.10	+ 6.50	...
Global Managed	400.60	426.20	+ 3.90	...
Deposit Fund	217.60	229.10	+ 0.20	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	216.50	230.40	+ 1.90	...
Fixed Interest	69.80	74.30	...	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	449.10	475.30	+ 1.00	...
British Fund	453.60	480.00	+ 0.80	...
International	450.80	477.10	- 1.20	...
Dollar Fund	332.10	351.50	+ 0.30	...
Capital Fund	410.40	434.30	+ 0.90	...
Income Fund	601.80	636.90	+ 1.20	...
Property Series A	380.80	403.00	...	...
Property Units	616.40	647.30	...	...
Financial Fund	461.90	488.80	- 2.90	...
Managed Ser A	473.60	501.20	- 0.60	...
-do- C	273.30	289.30	- 0.50	...
Managed Units	845.50	890.00	- 1.10	...
High Yield Fund	561.80	594.50	- 4.50	...
Money Series A	273.00	288.90	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	359.40	378.40	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	540.40	571.90	+ 0.80	...
Fixed Interest	344.10	364.20	- 3.60	...
Indexed Secs	171.80	181.80	- 1.10	...
European Fund	613.50	649.30	+ 3.40	...
Natural Res	235.80	249.60	- 0.90	...
Far East Fund	529.00	559.80	+ 1.00	...
Smaller Cos	396.20	419.30	+ 3.00	...
Special Sits	385.30	407.80	+ 0.60	...
Man Currency	249.80	264.40	+ 0.10	...
Japanese Tech	239.70	253.70	- 0.40	...
US Smaller Cos	183.20	193.90	- 4.10	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	483.00	508.40	+ 0.90	...
Global Property	255.60	269.00	...	...
Global Fixed Int	472.20	497.00	- 1.00	...
Global Equity	512.90	539.90	+ 2.20	...
Global Cash	202.10	212.70	- 0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	446.20	469.70	- 0.50	...
Property	409.60	431.20	- 1.00	...
Managed	367.80	387.20	...	...
American	359.20	378.10	- 1.50	...
UK Equity Fd	402.70	421.80	+ 0.20	...
Japan	197.00	207.40	- 0.70	...
Index-Lkd	177.50	186.80	- 0.40	...
High Yield	735.00	773.70	- 1.60	...
Growth Cap	403.60	424.80	- 0.30	...
Money	381.30	401.40	+ 0.50	...
International	335.30	353.00	- 1.20	...
Henderson Active	189.40	199.40	+ 1.70	...
Perpetual Active	276.00	290.50	+ 2.60	...
Growth Cap	403.60	424.80	- 0.30	...
-do- Acc	569.10	599.10	- 0.20	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	176.70	186.10	+ 0.30	...
Brit Opps Int	124.50	131.10	+ 0.60	...
-do- Acc	147.00	154.80	+ 0.80	...
Cash Initial	166.60	175.40	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	272.80	287.20	+ 0.30	...
Equity Initial	581.20	611.80	+ 2.80	...
-do- Acc	951.60	1001.7	+ 4.70	...
Fixed Initial	339.60	357.50	- 0.80	...
-do- Acc	556.00	585.30	- 1.30	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	132.40	139.40	- 0.30	...
-do- Acc	180.90	190.40	- 0.30	...
Intl Initial	304.80	320.90	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	491.40	517.30	+ 0.30	...
Managed Initial	428.10	450.70	+ 1.30	...
-do- Acc	700.90	737.80	+ 2.00	...
Property Initial	182.80	192.50	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	299.30	315.10	+ 0.50	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	312.50	329.50	+ 0.60	...
UK Equity	518.60	545.90	- 0.40	...
Property	273.00	287.40	- 0.10	...
Money Market	239.90	252.60	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	293.60	309.10	- 1.60	...
Japan	371.90	391.50	+ 3.20	...
North America	150.30	158.30	- 0.20	...
International	263.10	277.00	+ 1.70	...
European	235.90	248.40	+ 1.10	...
Far East	114.20	120.30	- 1.30	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£793.40	...	+ 2.70	...
Fixed Interest	£375.60	...	- 1.00	...
Property	£339.40	...	+ 0.40	...
Deposit	£275.80	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed	£519.70	...	+ 0.80	...
Indexed Stock	£201.50	...	+ 0.30	...
International	£251.50	...	- 0.20	...
Equity A	£184.60	...	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int A	£167.10	...	- 0.40	...
Property A	£149.60	...	+ 0.20	...
Deposit A	£162.50	...	+ 0.10	...
Mixed A	£171.30	...	+ 0.30	...
Index Stock A	£157.70	...	- 0.30	...
International A	£157.60	...	...	...
Equity P	£640.00	...	+ 2.60	...
Fixed Int P	£482.30	...	- 0.80	...
Property P	£271.30	...	+ 0.60	...
Deposit P	£319.10	...	+ 0.40	...
Mixed P	£468.20	...	+ 0.90	...
Index Stock P	£230.20	...	- 0.30	...
International P	£284.40	...	- 0.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£519.10	...	+ 7.80	...
-do- Acc	£807.30	...	+12.90	...
Property Cap	£157.00	...	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	£237.00	...	+ 0.50	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£195.90	...	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	£296.00	...	- 0.50	...
Equity Cap	£296.70	...	+ 1.70	...
-do- Acc	£452.90	...	+ 3.00	...
Internatl Cap	£217.50	...	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	£328.90	...	+ 2.40	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.70	...	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	£253.50	...	+ 0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£325.90	...	+ 1.50	...
-do- Acc	£496.50	...	- 2.80	...
Moneymaker Fd	£392.40	...	+ 1.90	...
Capital Growth	£1435.8	...	+10.10	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	376.70	395.60	- 0.40	...
Amer Rec Bond	427.50	449.00	- 0.80	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	201.70	211.90	- 1.00	...
Australasia Bd	169.40	178.00	+ 3.40	...
Commodity Bond	227.10	238.50	- 0.20	...
Deposit Bond Acc	343.60	360.90	+ 0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1208.8	1269.3	+ 9.20	...
European Bd Acc	296.00	310.80	+ 3.20	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	600.80	630.90	+ 5.70	...
Far East Bd Acc	250.50	263.10	+ 4.20	...
Gilt Bond Acc	404.30	424.60	- 0.80	...
Gold Bond Acc	100.40	105.50	- 3.50	...
High Yield Bond	302.80	318.00	+ 6.90	4.46
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	199.80	209.90	- 0.20	...
International Bd	630.40	662.00	+ 3.50	...
Japan Bond Acc	257.40	270.40	- 1.00	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	231.00	242.70	+ 8.70	...
Managed Bonds	736.40	773.20	+ 0.60	...
Prop Bond Acc	296.40	311.30	...	...
Rec Bond Acc	628.20	659.70	+20.30	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	207.10	218.00	+ 0.40	...
UK Equity Acc	275.90	290.50	+ 0.90	...
Special Sits	83.40	87.80	- 0.20	...
Special Sits Acc	111.10	117.00	- 0.20	...
North American	173.80	183.00	- 1.20	...
N American Acc	231.60	243.80	- 1.40	...
Pacific Basin	313.20	329.70	+ 2.60	...
Pacific Basin Acc	417.30	439.30	+ 3.90	...
Fixed Interest	279.70	294.50	- 0.50	...
Fixed Interest Acc	373.00	392.70	- 0.40	...
Property	152.50	160.60	- 0.10	...
Property Acc	203.40	214.20	- 0.40	...
Deposit	150.80	158.80	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Acc	201.70	212.40	+ 0.40	...
Managed	235.80	248.30	- 0.40	...
Managed Acc	289.60	304.90	+ 0.70	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	613.90	646.20	- 0.10	...
Property Fund	472.90	497.80	+ 0.50	...
Equity Fund	753.10	792.70	- 2.40	...
Gilt Edged Fd	559.10	588.50	- 4.00	...
Deposit Fund	313.10	329.60	+ 0.30	...
Investment Fd	317.90	333.80	+ 0.90	...
International	497.50	523.70	- 1.90	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	392.10	412.70	+ 0.60	...
Equity Bond	302.70	318.60	- 0.90	...
Money Mrkt Bd	504.50	531.00	+ 0.20	...
Deposit Fund	358.70	377.50	+ 0.50	...
Managed Fund	410.20	431.70	- 3.40	...
Intl Equity	484.10	509.50	+ 6.30	...
Intl Managed	458.30	482.40	+ 3.50	...
North American	190.10	200.10	- 0.80	...
Far East	362.30	381.30	+ 8.00	...
Intl Currency	256.30	269.70	+ 0.10	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	129.20	136.00	+ 1.20	...
Fixed Interest	494.80	520.80	- 0.10	...
Managed	619.70	652.30	+ 4.20	...
Deposit	320.70	337.50	+ 0.20	...
Property	361.40	380.40	- 4.30	...
American	385.70	406.00	+ 4.90	...
Australian	436.40	459.30	-17.00	...
European	452.80	476.60	+ 3.00	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	247.20	260.20	...	...
Global Managed	125.60	132.20	+ 0.00	...
Income Acc	682.80	718.70	+ 3.40	...
-do- Dist	434.30	457.10	+ 3.50	5.18
International	282.90	297.70	+ 3.90	...
Japan Smaller	461.30	485.50	+17.10	...
Singapore & Mal	259.70	273.30	+ 5.50	...
Smaller Cos	343.50	361.50	+14.10	...
Tokyo Fund	636.00	669.40	- 1.70	...
UK Equity	536.00	564.20	+ 5.90	...
CCM Vangd Mg	651.00	685.20	- 1.00	...
Equity Pens Cap	866.30	911.80	-10.10	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	419.90	442.10	+ 1.50	...
UK Equity	518.80	546.20	+ 2.50	...
Overseas Equity	419.70	441.80	+ 2.50	...
Americas	376.00	395.80	+ 0.60	...
Far East	456.00	480.10	+ 3.80	...
Property	193.80	204.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	338.70	356.60	- 1.70	...
Indexed Gilt	216.20	227.60	- 0.60	...
Deposit	204.80	215.60	+ 0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1207.4	1270.9	+ 1.80	...
Eqty Fund	2634.2	2772.8	+ 9.40	...
Property Fd	435.60	458.50	+ 0.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	553.10	582.20	- 0.70	...
Deposit Fund	327.50	344.70	+ 0.30	...
Ind Fund	203.50	214.20	- 0.30	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	138.80	146.20	+ 0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	264.30	278.30	- 0.40	...
Inv Equity	1040.4	1095.2	+ 3.70	...
Inv Managed	726.80	765.00	+ 1.90	...
Ret Managed	796.50	838.50	+ 1.40	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	683.80	727.50	+ 3.50	...
Cash Fund	319.90	337.10	...	...
Property Fund	217.60	231.50	...	...
Equity Fund	779.50	829.30	+ 3.70	...
Fxd Interest Fund	423.20	446.00	+ 1.40	...
International	349.90	372.30	+ 1.30	...
High Income	616.70	656.10	+ 0.90	...
Far East	468.40	498.30	- 2.30	...
North American	460.50	489.90	+ 1.50	...
Special Sits	553.60	589.00	+ 4.60	...
Technology	427.90	455.30	- 0.20	...
Extra Income Fd	333.00	354.30	+ 2.40	...
Gilt Fund	451.20	480.10	- 0.30	...
European	127.70	135.90	+ 0.80	...
Adventurous Mg	176.70	186.10	+ 1.40	...
Secure Mgd	129.40	137.70	+ 0.30	...
Equity Inc Dist	109.40	116.40	+ 0.60	5.07
North American	103.90	110.60	- 0.40	5.79
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	263.90	278.40	+ 2.40	...
Fxd Interest Acc	223.90	236.20	- 0.10	...
International Acc	228.60	238.90	+ 1.00	...
Managed Acc	192.60	203.10	+ 0.60	...
Property Acc	221.20	233.40	- 0.10	...
Money Acc	145.80	153.80	+ 0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	185.70	195.90	...	...
Japan Equity Acc	116.20	122.60	+ 1.20	...
N Amer Acc	148.50	156.70	- 0.20	...
Pacific Acc	135.70	143.20	+ 1.80	...
European Acc	121.90	128.60	+ 1.50	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	407.80	429.20	+ 0.60	...
Managed Initial	290.00	305.20	+ 0.10	...
Equity Ord	609.00	641.10	+ 0.70	...
Equity Init	433.10	455.90	+ 0.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	194.50	204.70	- 0.50	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	144.50	152.10	- 0.40	...
Oseas Equity Ord	324.80	341.90	+ 1.50	...
Oseas Equity Init	231.00	243.20	+ 0.90	...
Property Ord	223.30	235.10	+ 0.40	...
Property Init	158.90	167.20	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	259.10	272.70	- 1.60	...
Fixed Int Init	184.30	194.00	- 1.30	...
Deposit Ord	195.40	205.70	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.00	146.30	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	298.80	309.20	- 0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	657.90	692.60	+ 1.40	...
Equity Fund	1284.0	1351.6	+ 0.50	...
Intl Fund	509.60	536.50	+ 3.30	...
Fixed Interest	536.80	564.90	- 3.50	...
Property Fund	376.60	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	347.10	365.40	+ 0.30	...
Pacific Basin	273.70	288.20	+ 3.80	...
N American Fd	211.20	222.40	+ 2.80	...
Euro Fund	219.00	230.60	- 0.10	...
Balanced Fund	132.80	139.80	+ 0.30	...
Strategic Fund	136.80	144.00	+ 0.40	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1637.90	...	...	...
-do- Acc	411.30	432.90	...	...
Op Prop	412.50	434.30	- 0.90	...
Op Equity	870.90	916.80	+ 3.90	...
Op High Yield	526.70	554.50	- 0.30	...
Op Managed	716.90	754.70	+ 2.20	...
Op Deposit	373.20	392.90	+ 0.40	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	287.10	302.20	+12.00	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	222.80	234.60	+ 7.00	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	224.00	235.80	+ 0.40	...
Gilt	78.10	82.30	- 1.10	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	318.20	335.00	+ 1.90	...
Global Bond	112.70	118.70	...	...
Global (35.34)	154.60	162.60	...	...
Gold Share	53.50	56.40	- 5.50	...
High Income	258.10	271.70	- 0.10	...
Income	391.80	412.50	+16.30	...
Japan	390.50	411.10	+23.30	...
UK Smlr Cos	276.00	290.60	+ 7.50	...
Mngd Growth	398.50	419.50	+ 4.70	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	850.30	899.60	+ 3.70	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	340.50	358.40	+ 1.50	...
Equity Fund	473.90	498.80	+17.00	...
Property Fund	247.10	260.10	...	...
International	395.10	416.30	- 2.50	...
Pacific Basin	235.40	247.70	+ 7.20	...
United States	209.30	220.30	- 3.20	...
Gilt Fund	329.80	347.10	- 0.90	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	654.70	692.90	+ 2.80	...
Deposit Fund (2)	348.30	368.60	+ 0.30	...
Gilt Fund	474.20	501.90	- 0.20	...
Global Equity Fd	198.80	210.40	+ 1.50	...
Property Fund (46)	89.30	94.50	...	...
AG Bond Fund	137.00	145.00	+ 0.50	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	488.20	513.90	+ 1.60	...
Fixed Interest	334.40	352.10	- 1.20	...
Index-Linked	185.50	195.30	- 0.20	...
International	383.50	403.70	+ 6.50	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	218.40	229.90	...	...
Managed	391.40	412.10	+ 2.80	...
Cap Gteed Bd	97.80	103.00	+ 0.40	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	171.51	180.53	+ 0.16	...
Index-Linked	151.80	159.80	- 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	169.40	178.30	...	...
Mixed	219.40	231.00	- 0.70	...
UK Equity	210.40	221.50	+ 0.30	...
International	220.10	231.70	- 1.30	...
American	231.20	243.30	+ 3.80	...
Japan	232.70	245.00	+ 1.00	...
European	207.30	218.20	- 0.50	...
Pacific	299.90	315.70	+ 3.90	...
Technology	286.60	301.70	+ 2.30	...
Curncy/Curncy	214.40	225.70	- 2.70	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	173.20	182.40	- 0.30	...
UK Equity	313.40	330.00	+ 1.20	...
American	230.70	242.90	+ 4.00	...
Pacific	294.70	310.30	+ 4.90	...
European	402.00	423.20	+ 0.80	...
International	269.20	283.50	+ 2.90	...
Fixed Interest	225.80	237.80	- 1.90	...
Index Linked	188.70	198.70	- 0.90	...
Deposit	183.30	193.10	+ 0.30	...
Managed	251.00	264.30	+ 1.40	...
Worldwide	106.00	111.70	- 0.40	...
Pen Worldwide	110.00	115.80	+ 0.50	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1437.8	1482.3	-76.10	...
Safety Fund	213.60	224.90	- 0.60	...
Growth Fund	202.20	212.90	+ 0.50	...
Opportunity Fd	201.10	211.70	+ 0.80	...
Cash Fund	165.50	174.30	+ 0.30	...
European Fund	296.10	311.70	+ 2.70	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	181.10	190.70	- 1.40	...
Index-Linked Fd	172.90	182.00	- 0.80	...
International Fd	252.20	265.50	+ 5.30	...
North American	222.00	233.70	+ 6.70	...
Property Fund	114.60	120.70	...	...
UK Equity	214.30	225.60	- 0.80	...
UK Smaller	185.60	195.40	+ 1.00	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	232.20	244.50	+ 0.70	...
Equity	244.60	257.70	+ 1.00	...
International	240.30	253.00	+ 1.10	...
Property	193.60	203.90	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	209.30	220.50	- 0.30	...
Index Linked	171.80	180.90	- 0.40	...
Cash	178.20	187.70	+ 0.20	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	831.70	831.70	- 2.60	...
Inv Pol 2	758.90	798.90	- 2.40	...
Inv Pol 3	731.20	769.80	+ 2.30	...
Inv Cash	296.10	311.70	+ 0.30	...
Mixed Fund	400.50	421.60	+ 0.80	...
Equity Fund	472.50	497.50	- 2.20	...
Property Fund	203.00	213.80	+ 0.30	...
International Fd	411.70	433.50	- 0.80	...
Fixed Interest Fd	343.70	361.90	- 0.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	188.80	198.80	- 0.50	...
Cash Fund	215.60	227.00	+ 0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	324.00	341.00	+ 1.90	...
Equity Acc	372.50	392.10	+ 3.30	...
International Acc	300.60	316.40	+ 1.80	...
Property	210.50	221.50	+ 0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	211.90	223.00	+ 1.80	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	255.20	268.70	- 0.20	...
Equity	870.30	916.20	- 0.70	...
European	140.30	147.70	+ 1.10	...
Far East	145.20	152.90	+ 1.00	...
Fixed Interest	365.90	385.20	- 2.80	...
Index Linked	196.00	206.40	- 1.00	...
International	533.10	561.20	+ 3.80	...
Managed	611.30	643.50	+ 0.60	...
Nth American	138.10	145.40	+ 0.90	...
Property	305.50	321.60	...	...
Pensions				
Cash	390.70	411.30	- 0.40	...
Equity	1222.5	1286.9	- 0.90	...
European	164.30	173.00	+ 0.80	...
Far East	111.90	117.90	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Interest	485.80	511.40	- 3.30	...
Index Linked	272.10	286.50	- 0.10	...
International	732.20	770.80	+ 3.80	...
Managed	836.00	880.10	+ 0.20	...
Nth American	170.90	179.90	+ 0.70	...
Property	384.80	405.10	- 0.70	...
Stock Exchange	188.80	198.80	+ 0.10	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	567.30	597.20	+ 1.80	...
Equity Fund	755.50	795.30	+ 1.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	388.50	409.00	- 2.10	...
Index-Linked Fd	290.60	305.90	- 1.30	...
Property Fund	408.70	430.30	+ 0.40	...
International Fd	548.60	577.50	+ 3.10	...
N American Fd	204.40	215.20	+ 0.50	...
Far East Fund	183.10	192.80	+ 3.50	...
Deposit Fund	278.90	293.60	+ 0.20	...
International Bd	£170.76	...	- 1.95	...
Worldwide Bond	154.70	162.90	- 0.30	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.40	82.60	...	...
Worldwide Tech	93.20	98.20	...	...
European	135.60	142.80	+ 1.30	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	558.00	587.50	+ 3.70	...
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Property Fund	£466.60	...	- 0.40	...
-do- Acc	£438.00	...	+ 0.30	...
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Equity Acc	£1047.9	...	+ 1.40	...
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week with the all-ordinaries index, the key market indicator above the psychological level of 1,700 points. The index closed, down 0.9 points at 1,703.2.

Frankfurt — The Dax index closed 3.64 points higher at 1,678.85.

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Time to end this nice little earner

COMMENT

SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE WRITER

It is hardly a secret that life assurance and investment companies have a wicked way with charges. Monthly policy fees, annual management charges and, most ubiquitous of all, swingeing upfront charges to cover "setting-up" costs of life policies, all take a large chunk out of people's investments. Given that the actual setting up of a policy involves little more than keying a bit of information into a computer, investors are only too aware that most charges are deducted to cover brokers' commissions.

Those wised up to this may think they can pay less by approaching the company directly and cutting out the middleman. No chance. As one Weekend Money reader discovered, it is "standard practice" to deduct the same amount from the policy of an investor who has not used a broker as from one who has. As no-one has earned this spurious "commission" deducted from the policy, it presumably goes straight into the company's pocket.

In industries less apparently influenced by *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, buying wholesale rather than retail means big savings. There is little or no mark up and savings are passed straight onto the buyer. Buyers can and do expect to be able to choose to shop to save if they prefer. This is what a free market should mean.

One life company inadvertently gave an insight into the industry's thinking on this subject when he muttered that advisers would be angry if they discovered that investors going direct were getting "better terms" than those going through advisers. The argument is that life companies should be encouraging people to get financial advice rather than showing them a way they can buy life cover more cheaply.

If life companies meant what they said about wanting to encourage more people to take out life assurance or pensions, they would worry less about the already excessive influence of overpriced intermediaries and more about offering people a choice.

No-one should have to pay for a service they have not used. This is, or should be, a matter of principle. But the practical effect of charging more will be to disadvantage most those who can least afford it.

The reader, whose letter appears in Weekend Money this week, was unfortunately made redundant at the beginning of this year and had to discontinue his personal pension contributions as he had no pensionable earnings and to continue his contributions would have meant breaking Inland Revenue rules. He was charged a penalty which was supposed to "recoup the initial commission paid and to recoup the setting up and administration of the policy." But, the reader wrote back indignantly, he had gone directly to the company and not used a broker. No matter, said the company. Our rules say "the payment or otherwise of commission does not affect the allocation rate or the charges."

This week, after three and a half months of correspondence, the company agreed to refund the charge intended to cover the commission. The argument for disclosing a break down of commissions and expenses gets stronger by the minute. If people believe brokers give good advice they will go to them. If they do not, or they already know what they want, they will not. And they should be given enough information to decide.

Uncovered

The main aim of most people buying motor, household and holiday insurance is to find the cheapest possible policy that seems to give a reasonable amount of cover. This is even more important now that there are dramatic differences in prices and cover between one policy and another. They expect insurance brokers, who should be experienced in reading the increasingly restrictive small print of policies, to steer them through the difficulties and check they are covered for what they need to be.

This is not happening. Consumers' Association researchers visited general insurance brokers in six towns last month asking for standard contents cover apart from an expensive portable computer and a possible absence on holiday of more than 30 days. But almost universally brokers asked too few questions about the cover needed, the researchers were not told about exclusions under the policy and only four out of 81 were actually given a copy of the policy. And this casual approach is obviously just the tip of the iceberg.

Almost all broke the Association of British Insurers' voluntary code of conduct for intermediaries which requires them to reveal commission if asked and explain whether they are company agents or independents.

A voluntary code is not enough and as the Consumers' Association pointed out does not meet EC recommended requirements. New tighter rules need to be introduced.

Buying abroad beckons again

BY SARA MCCONNELL AND LIZ DOLAN

ANYONE who has spent the winter poring over estate agents' brochures advertising idyllic-looking second homes in Europe should take the plunge this summer. Most of Europe is one big buyer's market, say lenders and agents.

The market in France has been flat for several years, but is starting to perk up. One lender, Banque Woolwich, said it was busier now than at any time since 1989. Abbey National France said it was sending out hundreds of brochures to prospective buyers but added that most were cautious about actually committing themselves.

Michel Godchaux, director of Abbey National France, said: "For the last two months, it has not been as busy as I would like. But now is definitely the time to buy." Three French banks cut their base rates to 9.75 per cent from 10 per cent this week and further cuts could happen, allowing new buyers to fix loans at attractive rates. Sterling is also showing signs of strengthening against the franc after last September's devaluation of the pound that pushed up borrower's payments on franc mortgages overnight.

Buyers should be in a strong position to drive a hard bargain, particularly on new developments. People should expect to be able to knock up to 15 per cent off the price, said M Godchaux. Spain and Portugal are now starting to emerge from the same sort of housing crisis that has affected the UK. Prices have plunged by up to 30 per cent from the highs of the late 1980s in Spain and Portugal, with whole new developments along the Costas and in the Algarve still lying virtually empty.

Demand from Britons, Germans and Scandinavians, which had been "absolutely colossal" in the 1980s, suddenly died at the end of the decade, says Steve Emmett, managing director of Brian French, a Harrogate estate agent that specialises in homes in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece. "It was amazing: like turning off a tap. We couldn't believe it would go on, but it's been four years now without a break." Prices are now just starting to recover in some parts, so this should be a very good time to take the plunge, Mr Emmett says.

In Italy, prices in Tuscany and Umbria, the traditional British haunts, have soared after a boom between 1985 and 1990. So the *cognescenti* are moving on to similar, but less pricey, regions such as Lemarche, where homes cost half as much as in Tuscany and 80 per cent of Umbria.

The Italian market is less boom-and-bust than Spain or France, but has still seen enormous price rises in the past few years. Between 1989 and 1992 house prices climbed nearly 20 per cent a year, but growth has slowed considerably recently to about the rate of inflation, currently 5 per cent.

TIM BISHOP

"Can't wait to get away": Sara and Jeremy James at their rented home in Clapham

Happy with their Lot

WHEN Jeremy and Sara James bought their house in the Lot et Garonne in 1984, they were cautious about committing themselves, both financially and emotionally to spending a lot on its refurbishment.

Now, nine years later, they have become so attached to the French countryside and the home that they are restoring, that they have decided to retire there to live in five years, leaving their present rented home in Clapham, south London.

By then they will have finished paying off the whole of the £50,000 they have borrowed over the last six and a half years to restore the interior of their French retirement home.

The house, which had been a "wreck" in 1980, had had the exterior restored by a French speculative builder by the time that the couple discovered it was for sale.

They immediately wanted to buy the property. Mr James said: "The builder was about to vandalise the inside but we managed to catch it just in time."

However, they needed to borrow more money for the interior renovations, having already bought the freehold of the property outright for 380,000 francs.

At first, they took a modest loan of £15,000, with the local branch of Crédit Agricole, but when they became sure they wanted to spend a substantial amount of effort and money on renovating the property, they encountered reluctance on the part of Crédit Agricole to lend any more for the renovation.

Mr James said: "French banks are reluctant to lend for improvements. And so much for the European Community — absolutely no-one in the United Kingdom will lend on French property."

By "pure hearsay" he discovered that the Woolwich, the third largest building society in the United Kingdom, owned a French operation called Banque Woolwich.

About a year and half ago, they borrowed £40,000 from Banque Woolwich and used some to repay Crédit Agricole. Later they borrowed another £10,000 which they will pay off within six years. The interest rate is 11.75 per cent fixed for the remainder of the loan's term.

Although the Woolwich, like other institutions aimed at the United Kingdom buyer, provides access to English-speaking lawyers and other professionals, they managed the legal side of their purchase themselves.

They encountered a slight hitch with France's inheritance tax laws when they discovered that their legal agreement as it stood would have left Mr James with only half the house if Mrs James had died before him, while the other half would have gone to her brother and sister. They quickly changed the agreement.

They also discovered to their cost that French insurance policies will not cover any risk unless it is specifically listed in the policy.

When stone martens started eating away at the roof insulation of the house and the whole roof had to be removed and replaced, the cost was not covered by the insurance policy as this risk had not been mentioned.

The couple also discovered that it is difficult to find a contents policy which will pay out if the occupier is absent from the property for more than 30 days.

SARA MCCONNELL

Under the spell of old Tuscany

BY LIZ DOLAN

DESPITE a surge in property prices in recent years, Italy is definitely not the place for people who want to make a quick buck. This is because the heavy extras attached to buying a home there can lift the basic price by between 9 per cent and 14 per cent.

Fees will include those charged by notaries and estate agents, to which buyers as well as sellers pay 2-5 per cent commission. An independent lawyer who speaks good English is another necessary expense, his fee being open to negotiation.

Abbey National Italy, which has ten branches, claims to undercut rates on Italian bank mortgages by at least 2 per cent. At the moment, it charges just 12.9 per cent, compared with the Italians' 15-16 per cent. Buyers must be prepared to pay a 10-30 per cent deposit as soon as an offer has been accepted and draft agreement drawn.

Italian properties are not cheap. Richard Allman, managing director of Abbey in Italy, calculates that a typical three-bedroomed farmhouse in need of restoration is likely to cost £100,000-£150,000 in Tuscany, £100,000-£130,000 in Umbria, and £80,000-£110,000 in Lemarche, depending on its location.

The easiest way to find a property is to use a specialist estate agent with United Kingdom connections. These include Brian French of Harrogate, Hello Italy in Ligoria, and Green Umbria in Perugia, the capital of Umbria.

Engage a good lawyer in France

BY SARA MCCONNELL

TRAPS for the unwary in the French property buying system are legion, compounded by people's reluctance to confess that they do not understand what they are signing.

The system is fairer to buyers than the British one, committing buyer and seller early on, avoiding gazumping or gazundering and allowing buyers a cooling off period when they receive their mortgage offer. But it does not make many concessions to those unfamiliar with it, said Anthony Hancock, a partner in Radcliffe and Co., solicitors in Geneva.

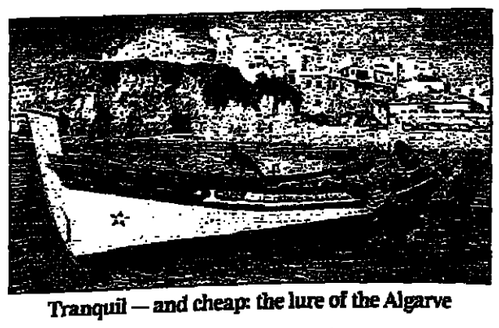
Contracts for buying French property are in most cases drawn up by a notary, a public official, who may also handle the sale. It is a mistake to assume he will give advice or point out possible difficulties in the contract. He often acts for both parties and his role is to make sure deeds signed are authentic. Mr Hancock said: "The average British person expects the notary to give advice but it is not his job to give advice." People should take advice from a solicitor familiar with the French system before signing anything, he said. When they first make an offer and sign a preliminary contract, prospective buyers will be expected to put down a deposit, normally 10 per cent of the purchase price, which they will forfeit if they then back out. The preliminary contract is legally binding. Buyers should expect to pay up to 15 per cent of the purchase price in legal fees and taxes. They should also make a will for their French assets, otherwise a husband or wife would not automatically inherit the property if their spouse died. Several British banks and building societies, including Abbey National and the Woolwich, have French operations, and can supply English-speaking solicitors and translations of contracts.

Buyers can get a fixed rate at 9.4 per cent or a variable one at 10 per cent, depending on the term of the loan and how big a deposit they have. Banque Woolwich cut its rates this week and is now offering buyers with a 50 per cent deposit a rate of 9.2 per cent fixed for 15 years.

Bargains galore throughout Iberia

WHERE many Britons seeking a second home in France and Italy are looking for romantic hideaways in rural paradises such as Provence and Tuscany, those buying in Spain and Portugal tend to go for flats and villas in coastal developments on the Costas and the Algarve.

As both the Spanish and Portuguese property markets are just beginning to emerge from a deep depression, this could be just the right time to pick up a neglected, but promising, property away from the coast at a knock-down price. Whiteways Properties, a subsidiary of Brian French of Harrogate that specialises in Spanish, Portuguese and Greek properties for British buyers, has just linked up with an inland agent in Rioja, northern Spain. Other firms with British links are likely to follow. Because many new developments were built along the coast just as the eighties property boom died, this too is now a buyer's market. A good quality apartment, with two bedrooms and two bathrooms in a popular coastal resort can now be had for £60,000-£70,000. Two years ago, it would have cost up to £100,000. A luxury villa on a high class estate, with four bedrooms, a swimming pool, on a marina, with top-class golf and polo facilities close now costs about £175,000.



Tranquil — and cheap: the lure of the Algarve

The Federation of Overseas Property Developers, in London, has 35 member companies specialising in European property. As in other continental countries, the main difference between buying property in Spain and Portugal and in the UK is the extra costs, typically 8-9 per cent of sale price.

David Wells, managing director of Abbey National Gibraltar, stresses the importance of employing an independent surveyor and lawyer. He says: "Quite often people only use the developer's own lawyer because they don't know where to go for an independent one." Spanish mortgage rates are normally 1-2 per cent above bank rate, currently 13 per cent, and expected to fall, but compare badly with the National Westminster and Abbey National Gibraltar, which charge 8 per cent.

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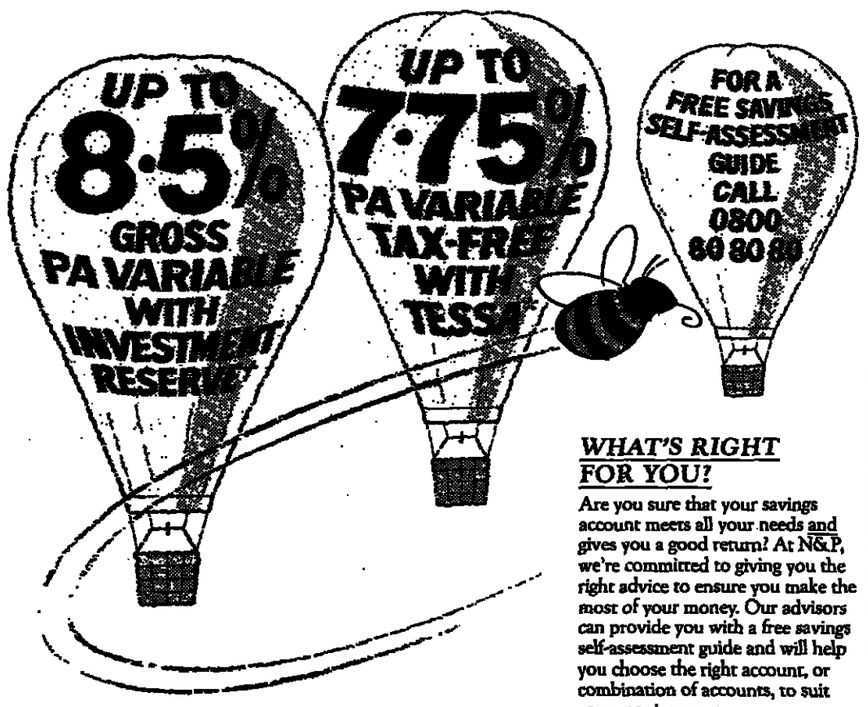

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Lenders launch spring offensive of fixed rates on home front

AS THE spring house-buying season gets underway, many banks and building societies are continuing to cut their interest rates to lure people back into the property market (Lina Saigol writes).

The Bank of Scotland, National Westminister Bank and Wimpey Homes are offering fixed-rate mortgages for both new and existing borrowers for between two and ten years.

National Westminster has a choice of three fixed-rate loans for new customers. They can choose to fix their payments for two years at 6.79 per cent (APR 8.1 per cent) or for five years at 7.99 per cent (APR 8.3 per cent) or ten years at 8.79 per cent (APR 8.8 per cent). First-time buyers taking out these loans do not have to pay the £250 arrangement fee.

The Bank of Scotland's mortgage is fixed until May 4, 2000, at 9.3 per cent (APR 9.2 per cent) and is portable. The maximum loan is £400,000 with a £250 arrangement fee.

For buyers able to raise the 5 per cent deposit on their new homes, Wimpey Homes is offering a two-year fixed-rate mortgage at 3.99 per cent (APR 7.6 per cent). Wimpey will pay buyers' legal expenses of up to £500, and the 1 per cent stamp duty on the home.

The arrangement fee is £250, available to first-time buyers as a "£250 and move in" scheme on selected properties.

Affordability, through methods like fixed-rate loans, is the key for housebuyers, according to a survey carried out by National Opinion Poll for the TSB.

Of 500 people surveyed, 31 per cent said affordability was the key for consumers, while 29 per cent cited the need to move.

Mike Kirsch, TSB's marketing manager for mortgages, said: "People are looking for homes in the right place at the right price — to live in, not to make money out of. They're nesting, not investing."

Telephone mystery tour was not on the cards

BY LINA SAIGOL

TED BATH

Siren calls: Simon Cox's phone-call marathon in Miami eventually did the trick

FORGETTING to take Barclaycard's 24-hour helpline number with him on holiday proved to be a time-consuming mistake for Weekend Money reader Simon Cox. When Mr Cox had his wallet stolen in Florida last October it took between 30 and 40 calls, he says, to block his Barclaycard and other plastic cards.

After reporting the theft to Miami Beach police, he telephoned one of the international banks in Miami hoping that it would be able to give him a number to call to arrange to put a stop on them.

He says that the bank gave him a number, which put him on to another number, and that put him on to another number. It eventually took Mr Cox between 30 and 40 calls to make sure his cards could not be used.

"I don't know why I had to make so many calls," he said.

Barclays said: "We are baffled as to why Mr Cox had to make so many calls. When we checked the list of numbers that he said he had ended up calling, we saw that some of the numbers have nothing to do with Barclays. Some were even private individuals in the UK, and we don't understand where he got them from."

In a letter to Mr Cox, Barclays claims that it has a record of the time that the cards were blocked: "It appears that your father had already telephoned Barclaycard at Northampton to report the theft of your cards. His call was logged at 17:30 GMT on 4 October."

But Mr Cox said that Barclaycard should have telephoned him to let him know that the cards had been blocked. "Credit card centres should have each other's numbers so that they can give out the correct number straight away.

"I admit that I didn't have the lost-and-stolen number with me, but that shouldn't be the only way of quickly cancelling your cards," Mr Cox said.

He added that Barclays' slow response in dealing with his complaint was not "the level of service, security or peace of mind that it advertised. Its treatment of the complaint has been wishy-washy, like papering over the cracks."

Barclays said it had taken a long time to reply to Mr Cox because it had conducted a thorough investigation: "Because so many cards do get stolen, we have an elaborate system that allows us to check back to ensure that cards are blocked.

"This means that we are able to trace all the times that calls were logged in to various Visa centres. Checking all this takes time."

As a gesture of goodwill, Barclays credited Mr Cox's account with £25, £5 of which was for the phone calls he had to make.

But, he says: "Three days of my two-week holiday were spent sitting by the phone waiting to hear if my cards had been successfully blocked or not. I think that Barclays owes me compensation of between £300 and £800."

Barclays said: "We have never heard of a complaint of this nature before. We think that the difficulty in the situation is that Mr Cox should have kept a note of the lost-and-stolen number to call.

"The cards were blocked, which means that all the centres acted as they should have."

Cash still king in trips to the shops

ONE IN three Britons is looking forward to a cashless society where debit cards are the most common payment method, according to a Gallup survey published by Visa Delta (Lina Saigol writes).

The first Visa Delta survey into British shopping habits found only one in five people expects cash to continue as the main means of payment in the future, and predicts that by 1995, there will be more than 740 million point-of-sale transactions per year worth more than £18 billion.

Today, cash remains the most common method of payment. While a sixth said that they would prefer to use a debit card when shopping for groceries, 60 per cent said that they would use cash when buying clothes. Visa Delta said that despite the "convenience" style of the 1990s, three-quarters of Britons would still prefer browsing around the high street shops to using other more advanced shopping systems.

"Less than one in six Britons would opt for the convenience of responding directly to television adverts offering products for sale," Visa Delta said.

Nearly a third of women claimed that they find men get in the way when they are shopping or admitted to feeling rushed when shopping with their partner. Half of the men questioned considered it their duty to carry the largest share of the shopping and a third said that they preferred to go shopping alone.

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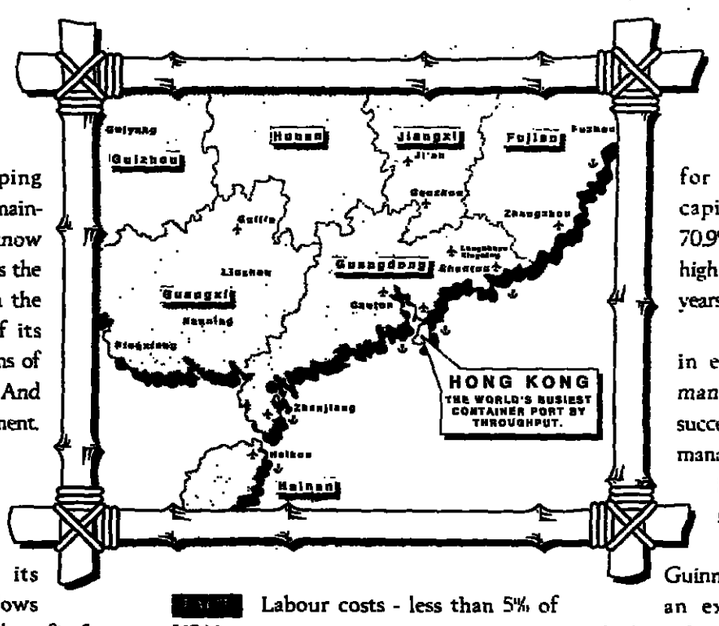

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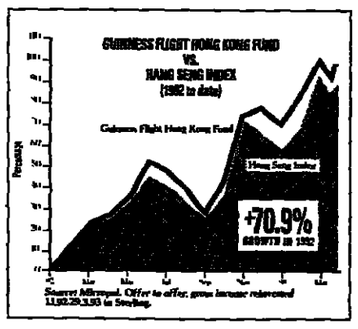

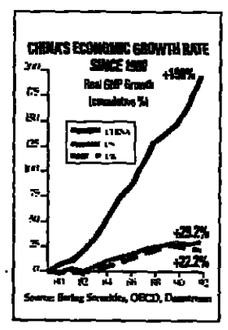

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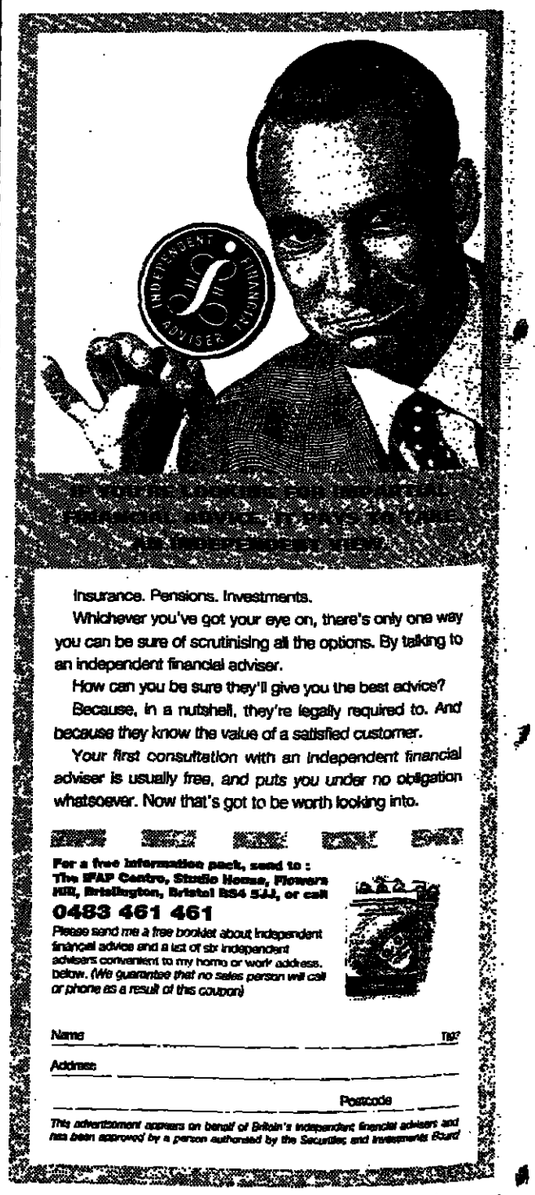

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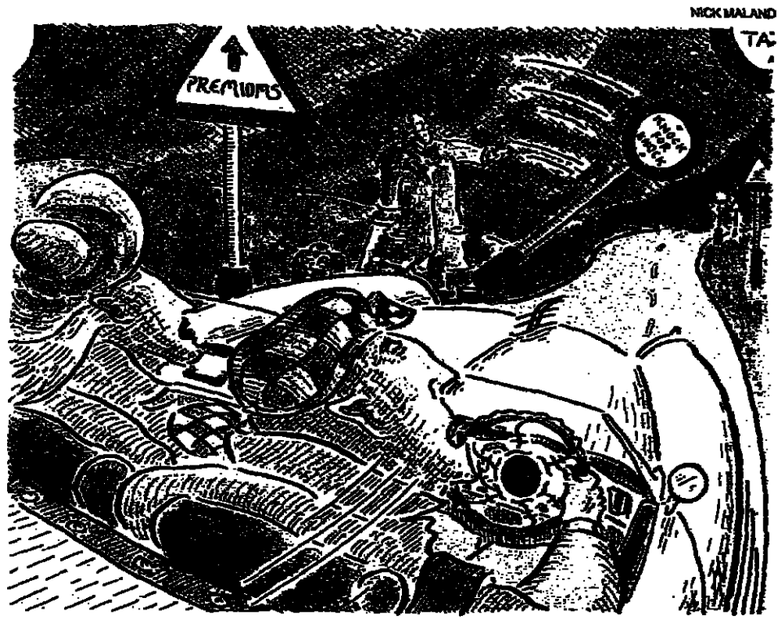
Another knock for drivers as GA leaves agreement

By Sara McConnell



SOME motorists face further rises in premiums and delays in payouts after claiming because a long established agreement between insurers to cut paperwork on claims appears to be breaking down. Any increases in administration costs because of this will be borne by policyholders.

General Accident, the second largest motor insurer with one million policyholders, has said it will no longer operate a knock-for-knock agreement with other insurers.

Under this agreement, if two motorists insured with different companies have an accident, each insurer agrees to pay for the damage sustained by its policyholder. This saves on administration costs as insurers do not have to spend time corresponding and, in extreme cases, going to court to decide who was at fault and who should pay. In the past, the costs of claims have evened out.

But GA says most of its policyholders now have comprehensive cover rather than just third party, fire and theft, and it is paying out too much under knock-for-knock.

Insurers operating the agreement are bound to pay for damage to their own comprehensively insured policyholders' vehicles, whatever the circumstances, but cannot pursue insurers whose third party policyholders have caused an accident. Companies with many third party policyholders benefit because they do not have to pay for damage to their policyholder's vehicles. GA said: "We believe that companies with a higher proportion of third-party policyholders benefit more and that we are bearing an unfair share of the cost." It suggests it should only agree claims on a knock-for-knock basis if both policyholders are comprehensively insured. If one of the motorists had only third-party cover, GA would correspond with the other insurer involved to decide whose fault it was and who should pay.

Other big insurers are considering whether to continue knock-for-knock. Commercial Union said: "We are looking at this at the moment. It should be moderately easy to make a judgment on whether the agreement still benefits us or not. But if there is additional administration, this will almost exclusively be passed onto the policyholder". Motorists with third-party cover are likely to find payments are delayed if insurers stop operating the system or if GA's amended system is adopted, it said. Three-quarters of CU policyholders have comprehensive cover.

Derek Plummer, marketing manager at Norwich Union, the largest motor insurer, said the present system of settling claims meant those with comprehensive cover were subsidising those on third-party. Abandoning or restricting the knock-for-knock agreement would mean a rise in premiums for third-party cover but could mean a slight fall in the cost of comprehensive cover, Mr Plummer said. Norwich Union is set to decide "in a few days" whether it will continue to stay within the agreement.

Although newer firms selling directly to the public rather than via brokers do not operate a knock for knock agreement 60 of the biggest insurers do.

Screen cover shattered by MoT test rules

By Shirley Davenport

MOTOR insurers may be forced to revise their terms on windscreen cover as more motorists claim windscreen repairs to get their cars through the new MOT test.

Now that cracked, scratched and chipped windscreens can fail the test, insurers believe they could be burdened with the cost of windscreen replacements, which have already soared in recent years.

After the introduction of the new MOT regulation in January, insurance companies expect to pay an additional 300,000 windscreen claims this year, despite having raised their £25 excess to £40. But they fear the higher excess may not be enough to cope with the demand and are evolving various methods to keep costs down. Among the options is to set a windscreen claim against a no-claims bonus.

> 'It has long been suspected some people have other repairs done and claim the bill was for a windscreen'

Nigel Richardson, RAC quality insurance manager, said: "The problem is, now windscreens form part of the MOT, more motorists will claim on windscreen cover. "Now insurers are on the receiving end of vehicle crime and government regulations, they are going to have to restrict terms. If that does not work, raise premiums. Eight years ago, windscreens were a good insurable risk with few claims, but times change."

To deter motorists from choosing expensive windscreen replacements, insurers will encourage them to opt for less costly repairs instead. In exchange, they will pay the entire repair bill without demanding the specified excess. Those insurers that arrange deals with accredited windscreen firms may either impose a higher excess on customers who have their windscreens repaired elsewhere, or pay only part of the cost. The sales director of a national windscreen repair firm said: "The idea is to discourage over-charging and cheating insurance companies." said "It has long been suspected some people have other repairs done at a garage, and claim the bill was for a windscreen."

A few insurers offering add-on windscreen cover for non-comprehensive motor policies for an extra premium will no longer do so. Many are small Lloyd's syndicates that offered the windscreen extension at £15 for motorists with only third party, fire and theft.

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Learning the harsh lessons of higher education costs

By Shirley Davenport

DELAYS in paying student grants are plunging students deeper into poverty, and many say they are living well below income-support level. Those who need to have their grants reassessed because parents can no longer afford to contribute are sometimes forced to wait several months for their new grants to be paid.

Universities that started soup kitchens last year for hard-up students without jobs during the summer break opened them again for the Easter recess.

At Leeds University, where students are given free soup, rolls and fruit, a welfare worker said: "Some of these students cannot go home because their parents are having a hard time. We are seeing students who have no money to live on for weeks, and it's almost impossible to do anything for them.

"A lot of my time is spent chasing up students' grants. Many were not paid until several weeks into the term. The number of short-term loans we have had to pay out has doubled since last September."

Portsmouth University reports that a growing number of middle-class students, worried about parents who have been made redundant, feel unable to tell their families about their money problems.

Gareth Shepherd, Portsmouth University's welfare adviser, said: "Constant worry about money puts them under tremendous stress, undermines their health and affects their education. The scale of the problem is far greater than anyone can imagine.

"We spend most of our time dealing with late payment of student grants. Some grants expected last October were not paid until December or January. One authority had such a backlog that it shut down for three weeks to cope with it."

On the march: protesters drawing attention to the plight of some university students

When James, a 23-year-old student at Portsmouth, learnt that his father had been made redundant he applied to his local education authority to have his £1,000 grant reassessed. His parents were no longer able to go on contributing £1,000 a year to support him. In the five months it has taken for James to be reassessed, his bank overdraft increased to £2,000 and he is behind with his rent. He has just heard that he will receive an extra £1,300, but not for another three weeks. By the time he approached the university for help he was penniless and had nothing to eat.

He said: "They loaned me £100 from the emergency fund, but it only lasted a week. After buying food, I had to repay friends who needed the cash." He does not want to be identified to save his parents the worry of knowing. James says the worry over money has set him back in his studies and he is going to have to work hard to catch up. His rent is £160 a month in a house he shares with four other students, but he has been living on £100 a month since last October while his grant was reassessed.

"I was £60 in debt every month before buying food," he said. "Last month, NatWest bounced my rent cheque for the second month, and took away my cheque book and credit card. Yet I had been assured by a senior manager they would honour the cheque since I have written proof that I will be receiving £1,300 grant money.

"Frankly, I don't know how I've managed to get by all this time. I have been living on a diet of root vegetables and pasta. And the worry about money has had a detrimental affect on my work. It was only after I knew I would get the money that I was able to concentrate on my studies for the first time in months."

Students who are late in applying to their local education authority for a grant or need reassessment because their family circumstances have changed usually suffer the longest delays.

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Helping parents spread the pain of college bills

By Lina Saigol

AS LARGER numbers of students enter higher education, and fewer qualify for state grants, parents are finding they have to meet more of the cost.

Under present rules, students will get no help if their parents' residual income is more than £31,000 a year. Those whose parents' residual income exceeds £13,630 a year will find their grant reduced. Figures from the education department show that in the 1989-90 academic year, only 27 per cent of students received the full grant and 29 per cent, no grant at all.

Many parents and grandparents mistakenly believe that unless a lump sum has been set aside to finance higher education, they will be unable to pay college fees. Sun Life has published a book explaining the alternatives available. *Financial Planning for Education*, written by John Kirkhope, covers the whole subject of educational funding, including grants, student loans and funding arrangements.

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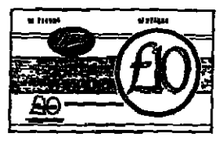

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This week, Forte and Redland joined Coats Viyella, BAT Industries, RTZ and Ladbroke in offering shareholders the new method of payment, dauntingly entitled the "enhanced scrip dividend alternative". As with a conventional scrip dividend scheme, this offers shareholders the choice of receiving dividends either in cash or in shares.

Where a conventional scheme offers cash and shares of equal value, however, the cash dividend under the enhanced scheme is only two-thirds the value of that paid in shares.

The aim is to persuade as many shareholders as possible to choose shares, so that the companies can save on tax and use the cash for other purposes. As an added incentive, shareholders who choose shares may immediately sell them under a buy-back scheme at a price fixed at roughly 95 per cent of the issue price. This is particularly useful to small shareholders, who could otherwise see the advantages of choosing shares over cash eaten away in stockbrokers' dealing charges. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, operates the buy-back schemes for all except Ladbroke, which uses Smith New Court, its own broker.

It is obviously foolish for anyone to choose the cash alternative, when they will receive almost half as much cash again if they opt for the shares and then sell them, either through the buy-back scheme or in the market. But there is a danger that many shareholders will fail either to wade through the literature advising them of the alternatives, or to understand what they read.

Help lines are being established to answer shareholders' questions. Those already up and running have uncovered a worrying lack of understanding about basic concepts. "For instance, quite a few people have asked what a dividend was," said Michael Perry, of BZW's corporate finance department. "We can't advise them one way or another, of course. We simply point out the features of the various alternatives and hope they make a sensible choice." Norman Brown, of Smith New Court, said: "Everyone has different reasons for making the choices they do. The important thing is to do something, because you will seriously lose out if you don't." Shareholders will receive three forms. The first should be completed by those who already receive dividend payments in the form of shares and wish to continue doing so; the second is for those who formerly took the cash but, because of the higher value of the new offer, now wish to receive shares; the third is for those who also want to take advantage of the buy-back scheme for all, or part, of their holding. Shareholders who do nothing will automatically receive cash.

JOHN MANNING

View from the top: "We can only hope people make sensible choices," says Michael Perry, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd

The forms must be completed and returned within 14 working days of receipt. RTZ's forms, for instance, were sent out on the Wednesday before Easter and must be in the company's hands by April 30. Coats Viyella's forms were sent out at the beginning of this week and BAT's are due to be posted on Monday. Ladbroke's shareholders should receive their forms "some time in mid-May", Mr Brown said. A decision has not been made yet about whether a help line will be provided.

> **'A worrying lack of understanding of basic concepts — a few people asked what a dividend is'**

Capital gains tax implications vary considerably, depending on the individual's tax position. Shareholders who have not yet used up their £5,800 annual exemption, or have offsetting tax losses, may not have to pay any tax on the sale of scrip dividends. Those with CGT liabilities will have to pay tax upfront on sales, but could benefit later from the effect this will have on the value of their underlying holdings. The new shares are added to existing portfolios at their market value on the first day of dealings, said Mr Perry. Selling the scrip shares at market value accelerates recognition of a small part of the underlying capital gain on the original portfolios. So CGT costs depend on the original acquisition dates and prices. Capital gains on sales are mirrored by decreases in the latent capital gains on the residual holdings, which may mean less tax to pay when the underlying shares are eventually sold.

The new scheme is basically a tax avoidance device for companies that pay virtually no tax on UK earnings, or have substantial foreign earnings. They have little or nothing to offset against the tax they would have to pay on cash dividends.

Pearl's wisdom finds buyers lack confidence

CONSUMER confidence in the stock market has risen sharply for the first time this year, but fewer people plan to follow up their confidence in April and invest in shares. These seemingly contradictory discoveries were made by two separate monthly surveys published by Pearl Assurance this week (Liz Dolan writes).

Pearl's investor confidence index for April reports that confidence in the stock market rose 6.34 per cent between March and April, while the company's consumer-investment index shows that intentions to invest in shares fell 26 per cent over the same period.

Martin Fox, Pearl's marketing manager, said: "The question is, they may be more confident, but have they got the money to invest at the moment?"

The survey was carried out in the last few days of the financial year. This may explain another apparent discrepancy in the findings: that although general equity investment is likely to have slumped this month, 10 per cent more is expected to be invested in Peps (personal equity plans).

Also, intentions to buy Tessas (tax-exempt special savings schemes) rose 26 per cent, another pointer that investors are favouring savings plans with tax incentives.

In addition, although general consumer confidence is suddenly higher, company directors have shown a 4.5-point decrease in confidence. Mr Fox said: "Maybe they've suddenly started to feel frustrated about how long the recovery is taking."

Pearl's investment index, which records the intentions of 2,000 people likely to invest in Tessas, Peps, unit trusts, investment bonds and building-society accounts, registered its first fall since it started in January this year — down 138 points to 2,438.

Mr Fox said: "Consumers appear to be cautious and will need clearer signs of recovery before committing themselves to further investments."

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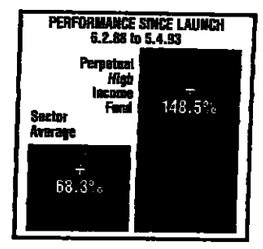

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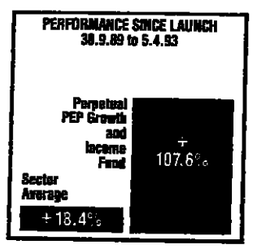

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LETTERS

Insurance at danger money rates

From Mr C. E. Miller

Sir, Following the article by Lindsay Cook (April 10) about the rise in home contents insurance, I thought you might be interested in my case, where the premium has not only hit the roof, but gone through it. At present, I pay £151.00 per annum. The new quote is for £273.00; which is an increase of just over 80 per cent. Legal and General apparently have had "no alternative but to increase our rates in line with the rest of the market". According to your article, Legal and General have only increased "by an average of 12 per cent, although some premiums went up by 40 per cent".

It could, therefore, be thought that we must live in an extremely high risk area, where burglary is an everyday occurence. Or maybe that we live next to an MoD bomb test site. However, as far as I am aware, the majority of criminals reside in one of the three *of HM Prisons on the island.* With regard to bombs, the main probability must be the *Montgomery* — a ship laden with explosives which is at present sitting off a sandbank off the coast of Sheerness; where it has been since WWII.

With regard to our own insurance claims, over the last ten years, our total claims have not totalled more than £150.

Perhaps Legal and General should take a closer look at their insurance premium rises before giving inaccurate details of the highest rises to your Money Editor.

Finally, I feel that it is unfair to "punish" those of us who are, in the main, conscientious householders who take all steps to minimise claims, in the hope that premiums will be kept low.

Yours faithfully,
C. E. MILLER,
2 Newcomen Road,
Sheerness,
Isle of Sheppey,
Kent.

Heavy penalty for ceasing Royal Life payments

From Mr Brian E. Foreman

Sir, I have been following the correspondence in your columns regarding the actions of various private pension providers but have not seen my problem mentioned.

Like millions of others, I was made redundant. This forced *me to stop payments into my* private pension with Royal Life.

Royal Life imposed a penalty on the capital I had paid in and confiscated 32.29 per cent of my investments. Royal Life *claim this is necessary:* a) to recoup the initial commission paid (nil in my case), and b) to recoup the setting up and administration of the policy.

I negotiated my private pension direct with Royal Life, and my agreement with Royal Life was subject to no commission being paid — as no advisers or agents were involved.

Royal Life have regularly deducted approximately 6 per cent each month from my monthly contribution for "administration charges".

During the short life of the pension policy, I managed to increase payments on a voluntary basis. Royal Life state they will credit 90 per cent of the penalty if I re-start payments before my next birthday at the rate of the contribution at the time I ceased payment (*former rate*).

Royal Life refuse to take into consideration that I voluntarily increased payments to the *former rate*, and will not allow credit at the 90 per cent rate if I only contribute at the original contract rate (this is assuming I find new employment).

As the government has been encouraging individuals to build their own private pensions, I feel it is time they took a close look at the private pension industry and regulated against what I consider to be theft of pension funds when redundancy forces contributions to cease.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN E. FOREMAN,
2 Brewery Yard,
Gunton Hall,
Hanworth, Norwich.

Royal Life has subsequently reviewed this case and is in the process of making a revised offer, which will mean a substantial reduction in the penalty.

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Expensive repairs must increase premiums

From Mr Stanley Willett

Sir, Terry Parradine's insurance problem (March 27) follows similar banking complaints and we all suffer higher premiums after big claims. Thus I was surprised when a neighbour had an accident and got a quote from a good local garage only to be told by his insurer to use a main agent at twice the cost, which was now usual. There must be a reason for this, but I have found it is not always best using a main dealer, and wonder if this raises premiums.

Yours sincerely,
STANLEY WILLETT,
23 Corbridge Road, Liverpool.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.80	3.80	3.04	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.42	3.42	2.74	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
"	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
Midland	3.84	3.84	3.07	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
" " "	3.84	3.84	3.07	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-728 1000
NatWest	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.48	3.48	2.78	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	5.29	5.29	4.23	10,000 min	Postal	——
Britannia	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	Postal	——
Britannia	6.04	6.04	4.83	50,000 min	30 day	——
Northern Rock	5.78	5.78	4.62	100,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Lstr	5.81	5.81	4.65	100,000 min	1 year	——
Leeds Permnt						
Best buy — all socs:						
North of England	5.63	5.63	4.50	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.85	5.85	4.68	25,000 min	30 day	——
Marsden	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	60 day	——
Scarborough	6.26	6.26	5.01	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	6.45	6.45	5.16	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0253 86151
6th Index Linkd†◊	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4800
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4800
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4800
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond	4.76	4.76	3.81	250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	5.10	5.10	4.34	20,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Consolidated Lf	5.40	5.40	4.59	2,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Consolidated Lf	6.00	6.00	5.10	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	6.35	6.35	5.40	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
General Portfolio	6.60	6.60	5.61	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

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176	130	Aus New Z	162	+1½	...	6.0	...
3606½	2831½	Bankamerica	3493½	+31½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	249	...	...	4.8	99.9
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	122	-1½	4.3	4.5	19.2
464	362	Barclays	408	+1	15.1	4.6	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
485	395	Cater Allen	485	...	26.0	6.7	...
115	85	Canles	113	...	...	4.6	...
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2381¼	-6½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1943½	+18½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	334	...	...	3.6	14.9
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£122	...	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£280	+23½	...	2.2	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1208	...	...	0.4	65.1
442	343	Gerrard Nat	426	+2	21.0	5.9	...
654	490	HSBC	631	+3	19.0	3.8	-
634	474	HSBC HK	611	+4	19.0	3.9	-
356	241	Hambros	343	+3	13.8	5.0	15.2
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	15.8	5.5	...
126	96	King Shaxson	125	...	5.0	5.0	...
395	312	Kleinwort Ben	388	+5	16.0	5.2	15.5
573	492	Lloyds	526	-5	18.4	4.4	15.0
86	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	427	...	...	5.1	13.6
485	398	Nat West	455	+8	17.5	4.8	27.6
832	674	Provident	821	...	28.5	4.3	14.4
47	39	Rea Bros	43	...	0.5	1.5	45.7
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	254	...	8.8	4.3	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1783	-2	22.0	1.5	-
731	576	Stand Chart	705	+7	...	3.5	...
187½	145½	TSB	178	...	6.4	4.5	...
119	78	Union Disc	110	+5	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	674	+7	18.0	3.3	19.9
224½	185	-do- 6% 'A'	224½	+1½	...	3.3	...
7625	4843½	Wells Fargo	7450	+100	...	1.4	...
159	121	Westpac	155	+4	...	5.2	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	551	-7	20.0	4.5	12.8
647	533	Bass	562	-2	18.9	4.2	12.2
258	189	Boddington	245	...	7.3	3.7	14.3
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	402	-1	9.0	2.8	18.5
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	139	-1	4.4	4.0	10.1
307	261	Devenish (JA)	304	-1	7.8	3.2	17.1
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
68½	54½	Fosters Brewing	58	...	...	5.1	7.4
360	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	358	...	...	2.3	15.0
480	411	Grand Met	434	-4	12.3	3.5	14.3
423	386	Greenalls Grp	400	-4	11.7	3.7	13.3
563	505	Greene King	551	+3	11.6	2.6	14.3
516	440	Guinness	483	-1	...	3.1	16.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	238	...	7.9	4.1	13.2
113	108	Hewitree	108	...	3.0	3.5	25.9
78	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	3.0	4.9	18.7
298	255	Highland Distl	280	+2	6.0	2.7	18.5
3125	2536	Holt J	2925	...	35.0	1.5	20.4
55	33	Hoskins Brew	54	+1	...	...	38.9
323	250	Invergordn Dist	260	+1	7.0	3.4	-
186	158	Macallan-Glen	158	...	0.9	0.7	35.3
465	375	Mactln Mattn 'A'	375	...	8.8	3.0	11.8
732	655	Mansfield	731	...	13.6	2.3	15.7
256	231	Mrston Thmp	243	-1	4.9	2.5	14.2
435	412	Matthew Clark	422	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
300	255	Mrrydwn W	263	...	...	3.0	19.0
490	455	Morland	460	...	8.4	2.3	18.3
12	6½	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
950	763	SA Breweries	770	-93	...	3.5	-
482½	408	Scot & New	467	...	16.1	4.3	12.7
198	181	Taunton Cider	190	-1	...	3.1	17.7
242	213	Vaux Group	225	-6	9.3	5.2	15.5
268	225	Wetherspoon JD	255	-2	...	2.4	20.6
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	457	-2	16.9	4.6	12.9
1180	850	-do- 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	501	Wolvrhmptn D	565	...	11.4	2.5	15.6
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	16	...	...	7.0	10.8
106	87	Allen	89	...	...	...	...
94	65	Amec	84	-2	3.0	4.5	-
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
188	156	Ashtead	181	+4	4.1	2.9	22.4
142	110	Atwoods	113	...	5.0	5.6	16.1
238	180	BPB Ind	211	+2	...	4.4	53.6
84	57	Baggeridge Brk	84	...	3.1	4.7	28.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	75	...	1.2	2.1	13.6
136	94	Barratt Devs	130	-1	2.0	1.9	14.3
393	305	Bellway	392	-1	17.5	3.7	22.7
32	15	Beltwinch	23	...	...	...	...
395	295½	Berkeley Gp	395	...	...	1.9	22.3
62	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	2.4
46	36	Blockleys	45	+3	1.0	2.8	-
244	189	Blue Circle	241	...	11.2	6.0	-
280	230	Boot (Henry)	277	...	...	2.4	15.1
106	78	Breedon Plc	92	-3	4.6	6.4	-
105	82	Br Dredging	103	...	5.2	6.5	-
70	45	Brit Fittings	53	...	5.3	...	...
131	90	Bryant	130	...	4.8	4.6	27.8
63	53	CALA	58	+2	2.3	...	...
260	205	CRH	260	+1	...	3.6	16.5
43	22	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
37	22	Costain	32	-2	...	...	...
129	90	Countryside	125	...	4.1	4.1	33.0
63	38	Crest Nicholson	56	-1	0.0	...	...
65	28	Cussins	60	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
200	178	Epwin	198	...	8.8	4.4	-
47	32	Erith	48	-1	0.3	1.0	...
378	352	Eve Group	335	...	...	3.6	12.1
50	34	Everest Barton	37½	-1½	2.0	6.9	-
6½	4½	Explaura	5	...	...	...	...
124	97	Freeman Gp	121	...	4.3	...	15.7
59	38	Galliford	39	...	...	...	...
78	68	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	12.7	2.1	12.2
753	695	Gleeson (MJ)	757	+7	3.2	3.7	-
111	90	Hewden-Stuart	110½	...	2.6	...	49.8
50	26	Hewetson	50	...	...	6.2	...
251	166	Heywd Wlm	253	+6	12.5	4.5	-
74	37	Higgs & Hill	71	...	2.5	...	10.7
35	22	How Gp	31	...	0.5	3.5	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	-2	6.0	...	...
61	39	Ibstock Johnsen	51	...	0.5	...	...
19	14½	Jarvis	17½	...	4.0	4.7	-
347	196	Laing (J)	236	+3	4.5	8.5	24.9
83	55	Ln Clydeside	69	-1	...	...	8.6
21½	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19	-1	0.0	3.8	17.9
305	240	Manders	293	...	4.2	4.2	36.7
130	93	Marley	125	+1	...	6.0	23.4
76	61	Marshalls	70	-2	4.9	4.8	11.7
130	122	Maunders (J)	128	...	8.5	4.9	28.6
160	96	Mcalpine (A)	165	...	0.5	6.1	...
35	23	McCarthy & S	32½	...	...	...	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
335	284	Meyer Intl	330	-1	16.5	6.3	14.0
4	1	Mitchn Gp	4	...	...	...	...
99	62	Mowlem (J)	99	+2	4.0	5.2	...
78	63	NSM	63	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	...	...
140	106	Newman Tnks	132	...	...	4.0	-
263	197	Persimmon	261	...	...	4.5	-
26	22	Phoenix Timber	22	...	8.6	4.1	36.6
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	30.0	2.5	6.9
96	80	Prowting	91	...	3.4	4.7	-
6½	4½	Quiliggotti	4½	...	...	...	...
659	555	RMC Gp	661	+22	20.0	3.9	-
117	90	Raine Ind	93	+1	6.0	8.1	15.5
36	20	Ransom	22	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	455	+3	...	7.1	31.1
75	64	Roskel	72	...	4.3	7.8	10.2
254	207	Rugby Group	248	+3	6.4	3.3	-
40	25	Swrfld-Ryrn	40	+2	...	...	...
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	98	...	4.0	5.2	-
171	110	Sheffield Insl	138	...	5.4	4.3	-
95	82	Sheriff Hldgs	95	...	...	2.6	14.2
95	66	Shoreco	77	...	...	2.8	-
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	6.8	6.0
136	103	Tarmac	132	+1	5.5	5.2	54.6
194	137	Twy Homes	171	...	5.8	4.3	10.9
101	63	Taylor Woodrw	99½	+½	1.0	1.3	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	488	...	33.0	8.9	-
24	19	Torex Hire	23	...	...	2.2	...
192	168	Travis Perkins	186	...	8.0	5.4	26.3
34	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.2
28	26	Tudora	28	...	...	1.1	...
67	41	Vibroplant	50	...	3.6	9.0	9.2
41	20	Ward Hldgs	35	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	445	...	10.7	3.1	-
14	8	Westcol	14	...	...	...	...
130	90	Westbury	130	...	...	...	...
12	4½	West Scaffold	9	...	...	4.7	...
12	5	Wiggins	9½	...	...	...	...
421	371	Wilson Bowdn	421	+2	8.7	2.6	28.5
181	147	Wilson (C)	181	+2	3.9	2.8	-
157	107	Wimpey G	156	+2	5.3	4.2	-
42	25	YRM	40	-1	4.0	...	4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	570	...	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
88	56	Air London	79	...	...	5.5	9.8
50	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.6	...
175	125	Auto Sec	160	-5	5.3	4.2	-
108	84	BET Ord	92	+1	...	8.8	13.5
75	41	BNB Res	74	...	4.9	8.3	-
318	258	BPP	281	...	8.0	3.6	-
285	250	Barbour Index	250	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
30	15	Boustead	18	+1	0.7	5.0	-
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	208	...	...	2.4	17.3
14	11	Broadcastle	14	...	...	...	...
65	54	Brooks Service	57	+2	...	...	-
104	86	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
165	139½	Capita Group	165	+2	...	1.6	-
40	31	Castel Plc	37	-1	0.5	1.7	14.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
43	26	Christie	43	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	268	-2	...	1.3	39.6
33	18	Comaco	31	...	...	...	...
18½	6½	Corp Services	14½	-½	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	231	...	...	4.3	-
104	85	EW Facts	97	...	4.3	5.6	-
16½	11	Gardiner	15	...	0.6	5.5	-
36	20	Gardner (DC)	36	...	...	...	-
246	226	Hays	230	...	4.6	2.5	22.5
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	177	-1	6.3	4.4	13.3
70	55	Holmes Protectn	56	...	...	...	3.3
162	127	Hutch Whamp	148	-4	...	3.2	-
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	£115½	-200	...	0.9	16.2
657	532	Inchcape	604	-2	...	2.9	20.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	-2	25.2	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	215	...	2.7	1.6	17.7
1187	893	Manpower	994	...	...	...	...
44½	41	Michael Page	42	...	1.8	5.5	-
279	217	Pennas	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
120	85	Proudfoot Alex	118	...	...	12.7	2.5
423	385	RCO	390	...	12.8	4.4	13.4
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
69	43	Reed Executive	55	...	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Secs	116	...	...	4.8	11.7
238	208	Rentokil	234	-6	2.3	1.3	-
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	275	...	6.3	2.8	18.5
399	343	Salvesen (C)	368	+4	7.0	2.4	20.4
35	29	Scot Pickfords	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	183	...	9.4	6.4	9.7
6	5	Select App	6	...	...	...	...
953	695	Serco Gp	980	...	14.0	1.8	-
352	252	Sherwd Cmpa	294	-20	...	3.0	-
130	95	Sketchley	96	...	3.0	3.9	11.7
355	327	Warner Howrd	335	...	...	2.3	18.9
45	28	Welpac	28	...	0.6	2.7	...
25	14	Wills Gp	24½	-½	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	226	Allied Colloids	226	-5	3.9	2.2	18.0
759	613	Amersham	696	-4	12.5	2.2	25.8
7	4½	Anglo Utd	4½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9712½	+60	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	240	-1	8.8	4.6	17.6
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£114	+96½	...	5.0	...
156	134	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.0	-
165	137	Brent Chems	142	+2	7.4	6.5	-
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	455	...	...	...	...
28	18	Caird Gp	25	-1	1.3	6.6	-
153	127	Canning (W)	135	...	7.2	7.0	-
608	533½	Courtaulds	558	-6	13.0	2.9	15.2
236	228	Croda	274	-1	7.796	3.6	-
146	121	Doefler	127	...	4.6	4.5	-
198	175	Ellis & Everard	179	...	7.0	4.9	16.3
28	15½	Euro Colour	22½	...	0.6	3.6	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
225	194	Hickson	223	+1	8.0	4.6	-
£114½	9612½	Hoechst	£101½	+100	...	7.8	...
214	195	Halliday Chem	209	...	...	2.2	19.2
1284	1098	ICI	1190	-11	55.0	5.8	29.6
688	581	Laporte	625	-5	19.5	3.9	-
223	195	Leigh	195	...	7.8	5.0	15.9
19½	11	MTM	11½	+½	1.8	...	2.3
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1750	+162½	...	1.6	-
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.6	14.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	371	-1	11.4	3.9	16.0
286	254	Plysu	267	-1	6.0	2.9	18.6
210	173	Porvair	208	...	3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	449	...	16.0	4.5	17.8
490	395	Wlsnhlme R	458	+3	17.0	4.7	-
391	368	Yorks Chem	379	-1	...	2.5	20.5
306	240	Yule Catto	295	...	5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	83	...	3.0	4.5	...
78	42	Amber Day	76	-1	3.1	5.2	20.6
319	257	Argos Plc	303	-6	...	2.9	20.8
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	87	+3	0.1	0.1	...
305	283	Aspreys	290	...	...	2.1	23.5
203	188	Austin Reed	188	...	6.0	...	54.2
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.1	15.5
121	97	Bentalls	118	-2	3.8	4.1	66.6
273	206	Betterware	257	+2	...	0.6	35.4
31	22	Blacks Leis	23	...	3.3	...	4.7
227	133	Body Shop	213	-3	1.6	0.9	24.6
15½	12	Brown & Jacksn	14½	-½	...	0.7	-
401	318	Brown (N)	365	...	6.0	2.1	22.6
84	64½	Burton	78½	-1½	...	7.8	...
145	126	Cantors	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
325	295	Church	325	...	12.5	4.8	28.9
185	97	Clinton Cards	142	...	4.2	3.8	-
245	212	Coats Viyella	243	-3	...	3.7	26.7
106	78	Colourvision	88	...	...	...	14.9
469	374	Courts Furnish	469	+7	5.0	1.3	23.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	101	+1	...	3.7	-
65	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	62½	...	1.0	2.0	-
281	194½	Dixons Grp	194½	-4½	6.0	3.9	22.9
387	320	Dunhill	373	...	7.7	2.6	12.9
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	-1	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	104	...	...	3.3	17.6
226	203	Etam	207	...	6.6	4.0	18.5
562	499	Fine Art Dev	553	-1	11.0	2.5	21.2
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	496	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci	46	-3	2.0	...	9.2
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
41	22	Goldsmiths Gp	36	-1	1.8	...	...
2650	2400	GUS	2645	...	40.0	1.9	21.1
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1583	-25	40.0	3.2	12.6
40	34	Hampden Grp	37	...	...	3.5	-
277	101	Harrstone	108	-16	4.8	5.6	6.6
25½	20	Helene Plc	24½	+2½	2.0	10.9	-
42	29	Heritage	39	...	...	...	-
62	35	Honeysuckle	55	-1	...	2.3	7.8
189	128	Hse of Lerose	185	+3	10.3	7.0	-
66	63	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	...
595	496	Kingfisher	586	-2	...	3.0	16.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	595	+15	7.2	1.5	40.5
313	265	Lloyds Chem	286	-1	5.5	2.4	11.2
152	120	MFI	131	-1	...	3.6	17.5
360	311	Marks Spencer	349	-1	7.1	2.5	21.2
490	445	Menzies (John)	481	+2	10.0	2.6	16.0
152	135	Moss Bros	151	...	5.0	4.1	29.1
174	139½	Next	168½	-2½	2.5	1.9	-
23	15	Oliver (G)	23	...	...	...	...
220	198	Oriflame Intl	198	...	...	6.1	12.9
65	45	Pentos	49	...	1.5	3.9	-
315	255	QS Hldgs	280	...	5.1	2.3	-
19	11	Ramers Group	16	-½	3.4	18.8	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	29½	...	...	...	...
162	137	Sherwood Gp	157	+3	2.6	2.1	-
106	93	Sears	101½	+1	...	4.3	27.9
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	418	+1	13.4	4.0	14.7
14½	4½	Specialeyes	9	+1½	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	197	...	5.0	3.2	...
191	158	T & S Stores	160	-2	5.9	4.7	-
133	71	Tie Rack	132	-1	1.0	1.0	-
213	160	Time Products	201	...	7.5	4.7	10.6
100	63	Upton (Frank)	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wensum	39	...	...	...	6.9
104	76	Wickes	96	-1	...	...	42.6
60	45	Wld of Leather	55	...	...	...	...
191	146	Wyevale	191	+3	...	3.6	-
3½	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	158	-4	4.5	3.6	15.6
238	223	Acal	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Compu	101	-3	...	...	51.2
480	385	Admiral	443	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
43	19½	Alphameric	37	-2	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	33½	-1	0.4	...	...
128	100	App Holo	100	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	13	...	...	...	...
57½	39½	Astec	52½	-½	...	...	...
290	250	Beales Hunter	266	...	9.2	4.3	14.0
6	3½	Bennett & Fount	5	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	358	+13	19.2	7.0	23.4
575	455	Birch	480	...	9.2	2.4	18.7
1690	1150	Borland	1300	...	...	...	...
302	274	Bowthorpe	300	+1	6.3	2.6	-
445½	376	BT	411	-9½	14.4	4.4	15.3
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.6	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	...	5.7	5.2	22.0
760	689	Cable Wireless	729	-13	13.2	2.3	22.5
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	-½	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
98	74	Compu People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	133	+½	...	0.5	10.9
326	243	Critchley	312	...	...	2.4	22.1
498	414	Delta	467	...	14.0	3.7	-
298	205	Denmans Elc	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	501	-1	7.2	1.8	17.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	55	+1	2.5	5.8	17.8
995	865	Druck	906	...	...	1.2	24.2
411	358	Electrocomponts	386	-2	7.0	2.3	20.9
573	470	El Data Prc	556	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
73	43	Electron House	69	...	2.3	4.3	21.0
20	10½	Emess	20	+½	0.1	0.6	-
575	442	Eurotherm	575	+3	8.0	1.7	26.2
135	108	FKI	120	...	3.3	2.4	23.2
391	340	Farnell Elect	376	...	5.8	1.9	20.5
37	33	Feedback	37	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	...	...	...	...
150	101	First Tech	149	...	...	...	...
203	81	Forward Gp	177	-4	...	1.8	21.3
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
325½	284	GEC	320	-5	9.6	3.8	16.9
182	132	Graseby	172	...	10.9	7.9	-
39	30	Hitelsrea	39	...	...	1.0	12.7
466	451	Hoskyns Gp	465	...	2.4	0.6	59.9
120	83	INSTEM	100	...	...	3.9	...
378	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
9	8	Kembrey	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4
321	260	Kenwood App	306	...	...	...	16.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	451	-8	17.1	4.7	8.7
496	399	Eastern Elect	466	-5	16.7	4.5	11.5
356	304	Hydro-Elect	335	-7	10.1	3.8	11.8
500½	404	London Elect	470	-1	16.8	4.5	9.0
549	458	Manweb	525	-1	18.2	4.3	7.6
514	424½	Midlands Elec	478	-7	17.2	4.5	10.0
549	440	Northern Elec	513	-4	18.5	4.5	7.6
544	439	Norweb	508	-7	17.7	4.4	9.6
337	285	Scottish Power	319½	-5½	10.1	4.0	11.7
529	436	Seeboard	492	-11	17.2	4.4	8.9
571	469	Sth Wales	531	-9	19.4	4.6	8.4
532	426	Sth Western	498	-6	17.4	4.4	9.0
496	406	Southern Elec	462	-9	16.6	4.5	9.1
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	517	-7	17.7	4.3	9.6
354½	273	National Powr	341½	+1½	9.1	3.3	11.3
353	273	PowerGen	347½	+3	...	3.8	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baillie Plc	89	-1	1.0	1.4	-
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	...	27.0	2.4	12.0
258	243	Candover	250	+2	10.2	5.1	17.7
91	71	Flextech	87	-1	...	...	8.6
288	155	Goven	283	-4	...	5.8	8.1
144	125	Ivory Sime	144	...	...	5.5	15.1
6½	3½	IIT	4½	+½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	0.6
193	154	Lon Forfaiting	192	...	8.4	5.6	13.6
57	47	Manakin	55	...	...	...	...
10½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
47	40	Newmarket	45	...	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Bs	271	-1	6.0	2.8	-
22	17	Rutland Tst	20	...	0.8	5.0	-
330	280	S & U	300	...	...	3.4	10.8
67	48	Singer & Fried	63	...	2.6	5.3	-
938	788	Sothebys	838	-25	...	4.9	...
99	83	SJP Capital	98	-1	3.0	3.8	17.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1868½	-34½	...	...	...
243	183	Electra	215	-1	6.7	3.9	29.3
973	835	Henderson Ad	973	+2	41.0	5.6	20.3
120	92	Invesco MIM	115	+2	3.0	3.4	-
216	164	Jardine Strat	190	...	...	4.2	8.6
194	154	MAI	185	...	6.0	4.1	13.4
469	389	MAM	455	-10	11.5	3.2	18.2
795	633	M & G	789	+2	20.0	3.2	21.0
235	115	Smith New Ct	224	-1	4.5	2.5	8.9
97	97	Sterling Tst	97	...	...	...	8.5
78	55	Trio Hldgs	67	-1	...	5.6	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	495	-12	14.0	3.5	11.3
77½	53	ASDA Group	66	-1½	...	3.0	21.3
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	186	...	6.5	4.4	10.7
76	55	Albert Fisher	68	...	3.7	6.9	11.3
407	323	Argyll	339	+1	9.7	3.6	13.3
25	12	Ashley Group	15	...	0.7	6.3	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	147	...	8.0	7.1	-
214	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
370	310	Barr (AG)	370	+6	6.5	2.2	18.7
94	66	Bensons Crsps	69	+1	...	5.7	-
138	112½	Berisford Intl	128	+5	...	...	...
455	371	Booker	380	-3	...	7.4	12.9
50	35	Borthwick	44	...	1.1	3.1	30.7
488	430	Brake Bros	483	...	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	40	+2	...	...	13.6
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	479	-6	...	3.4	17.8
89	78	Carrs Milling	83	...	3.9	5.9	16.6
256	137	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	5.8	-
201	175	Cranswick	198	-1	...	4.7	14.6
20	8½	Cullens	16	-½	0.5	3.9	8.6
384	168	Dalepak	217	...	6.0	3.5	9.8
491	441	Dalgety	443	-4	19.5	5.6	12.7
50	27	Daniels S	47	...	0.2	0.7	...
134	122	Everest	133	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	269	Farepak	292	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	123	+23	...	1.3	20.4
485	370	Geest	448	+4	8.1	2.3	-
12	7	Global	11½	...	...	5.6	17.4
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
195	147	Hazlewood Fds	190	...	6.1	4.0	11.5
171	131	Hillsdown	152	-3	...	7.6	11.4
44	22	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
750	616	Iceland Frozen	680	+1	...	1.9	16.3
131	111	JLI Group	114	...	4.5	4.9	16.4
853	731	Kwik Save	737	-10	16.0	2.7	15.4
262	233	Low (Wm)	233	-1	8.4	4.5	11.3
58	41	Matthews (B)	49	...	3.2	5.7	32.1
16	12½	Merchant Retail	13½	...	1.1	10.0	32.3
174	151	Morrison (W)	153	...	...	0.7	19.8
538	443	Nichols (JN)	493	...	13.6	3.4	14.3
390	255	Ntm Foods	261	-4	...	3.8	14.4
22	14	Nthmbn Fns	16	-1	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	204	-4	6.1	3.8	-
241	205	Park Foods	215	...	3.2	1.9	25.7
115	83	Perkins Food	99	...	4.4	5.6	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	86	-1	...	0.9	37.9
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
584	455	Sainsbury J	472	-5	8.7	2.3	17.6
68	33	Senior Farms	58	...	...	2.2	13.6
225	175	Sims Food	175	...	11.2	8.0	9.5
459	391	Tate & Lyle	421	-1	12.0	3.6	15.6
273	222	Tesco	224	-8	7.1	4.0	-
211	172	Thorntons	172	...	3.6	2.7	16.0
173	101	Trento	173	...	...	2.6	19.7
375	300	Unigate	361	-2	15.3	5.3	12.9
414	340½	Utd Biscuits	389	+5	...	4.9	20.1
25	21½	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.1	14.8
337	248	Watson & Phil	300	...	13.3	5.5	15.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Hs	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	-
209	170	Forte	195½	+7	7.5	4.9	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	159	...	5.7	4.6	-
9	6½	Harmony Leis	6½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	110	...	...	5.5	13.0
215	186	Ladbroke	170½	+1½	...	8.2	22.5
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	63	...	...	5.5	-
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	93	-do- 7% cnpr	95	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	36	...	3.4	12.0	7.1
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	735	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	48	-1	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	183	AAF Inds	208	...	...	5.1	12.1
616	499	AAH	500	...	16.3	4.1	15.9
172	140	AIM	140	-1	6.5	5.8	8.7
132	100	APV	108	...	5.4	6.3	-
182	81	ASW	175	+8	6.0	4.3	...
155	124	Adwest	148	+2	7.0	6.0	20.8
16	10	Aerospace Eng	14	...	1.0	...	8.5
468	434	Airsprung	435	+1	7.5	2.2	12.1
133	113	Alenda W	126	-2	3.8	3.8	-
13½	8	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
527	415	Alumasc	527	...	11.0	2.6	16.1
35	17	Alvis	29	...	1.0	4.3	6.0
420	345	Amber Ind	345	-30	17.0	6.2	9.3
35	18	Amberley Gp	30	...	...	4.2	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	141	...	4.4	3.9	...
803	703	Antofagasta	853	-10	...	2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	41	-1	1.4	4.2	12.9
170	143	Ash & Lacy	161	...	6.4	5.0	-
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.1	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	520	-3	16.5	4.0	20.2
235	168	Assoc Nurse	215	...	...	...	8.2
720	570	Atlas Equip	710	...	22.0	4.0	-
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	41	-2	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	153	...	...	6.1	-
40	28	BLP Group	40	+1	...	...	...
22	16	BM Gp	17	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	696	BOC	697	-4	23.2	4.2	15.3
79½	65	BSG	69½	-½	...	6.3	-
422	353	BSS Group	404	...	...	5.3	16.1
619	530	BTR	607	...	...	3.7	19.9
221	191	BWI	191	-1	6.7	4.4	18.2
41½	31	Babcock	37½	+½	3.1	...	7.9
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	247	...	8.9	4.5	-
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	562½	-37½	...	6.8	2.9
7	7	Barrett (H)	7	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	59	-1	1.4	3.0	-
15	5	Beauford	6	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	8	...	...	7.8	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	30	...	...	...	...
27½	20½	Benson Group	21½	...	0.1	0.6	19.9
707	550	Bespak	550	-11	9.0	2.0	17.1
133	110	Bibby (J)	111	-2	9.7	11.7	6.1
230	120	Billam (J)	211	+1	3.0	3.0	-
33½	21½	Bilston Batsea	29	...	...	...	...
188	115	Hall Eng	186	+1	8.6	5.8	15.5
258	215	Halma	237	-1	2.2	1.2	29.3
49	30	Hampson Ind	33	...	2.3	...	8.9
265½	228	Hanson	235½	+1½	...	6.1	11.9
221	187	Harris (Philip)	215	-6	...	4.0	15.2
186	147	Harrisn Crsfld	170	+5	...	6.8	22.5
60	38	Havelock Euro	60	...	1.5	...	...
4	1½	Hawthorn Leslie	1½	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	24	...	0.7	3.6	12.7
353	301	Hepworth	339	+3	14.8	5.5	-
225	160	Hewitt (J)	210	-6	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	28	+3	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	7	Hobson	8	...	...	...	...
104	87	Holders Tech	100	...	...	7.5	-
40	30	Hopkinsons	35	...	3.7	...	10.1
167	138	Hornby	151	...	...	7.5	-
13½	6	Hospital Crp	6	...	...	16.7	1.6
67	54½	Howden	65	...	...	4.1	10.0
238	178	Hunting	229	...	...	3.7	-
1013	808	Hunting Tec	975	...	...	0.6	36.0
285	247	IMI	277	-3	10.0	4.5	-
108	80	ISA Intl	98	...	1.5	1.9	-
205	179	Intercare Gp	185	...	...	1.8	19.6
255	235	Isotron	248	...	3.9	2.0	15.9
493	360	Jardine Math	436	-½	...	3.0	-
537	438	Johnson Matth	439	-2	9.6	2.7	18.2
64	52	Johnson & FB	53½	...	3.0	7.0	16.5
136	104	Johnston	106	...	3.2	3.9	-
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
30	18	Jourdan (T)	29	+1	0.7	3.3	...
47½	28	Kalamazoo	46	+2	...	...	37.9
157	73	Kalon	155	...	3.2	2.6	-
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
118	75	Kleeneze	108	-2	...	...	...
118	61	LGW	118	...	3.0	3.2	9.8
303	266	Laird	282	...	10.5	4.7	-
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	133	+1	5.9	5.5	56.5
136	110	Lilleshall	124	...	4.2	4.4	14.9
153	97	Linear	149	-4	...	4.3	12.9
18	4½	Lincoln Hses	15½	-½	...	...	12.8
128	76	Linread	110	...	3.7	4.4	-
195	170	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	8.8	32.4
14½	10½	Lionheart	11½	...	0.2	2.2	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	30.4
274	191	Lon Intl	193	-2	9.4	6.1	13.1
93	70	Londro	83½	-½	...	6.0	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	325	-1	...	3.5	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	307	+1	8.6	3.6	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	157½	+½	7.2	5.9	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	...	1.8	...	20.3
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	41	...	...	3.1	12.4
283	236	Macfarlane	262	...	4.7	2.3	-
430	379	McKechnie	417	...	14.7	4.4	21.2
106	88	McLeod Russel	103	...	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	7½	Maddox	7½	...	...	...	...
74	66	Magnolia	69	...	0.1	0.2	-
106	71	Mang Bronze	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn	172	+2	...	3.7	14.0
47	39	Mayflower	46	+½	...	3.5	-
236	191½	Medeva	206	-5	...	1.4	16.7
109½	88	Meggitt	102½	...	3.7	4.7	-
130	111	Metalrax	113	...	4.0	4.4	-
76	70	Metsec	70	...	...	...	...
66	29	Midmarss	58	-1	...	1.6	-
19½	14	Mining & Ald	19	-½	0.3	3.3	...
488	368	Molins	460	-2	14.0	3.8	-
345	262	Morgan Cble	279	+9	12.6	5.8	-
145	134	Morris Ashby	135	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	20½	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	50	...	3.1	8.2	-
147	122	Nobo Gp	144	...	3.3	3.0	17.8
164	127½	Norcros	164	+1	7.0	5.3	28.1
45	35	Novo Group	39	-1	...	1.0	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	25	...	1.7	8.7	...
140	133	PCT	133	...	...	6.6	12.1
48	46	Pacer Systems	47	...	...	8.1	...
138	116	Pentland	116	-1	...	2.7	-
380	310	Photo-Me	351	...	4.4	1.6	17.9
125	97½	Pilkington	120	+2	6.0	6.3	43.7
32	19	Platon	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plasmibrook	68	...	3.0	5.7	-
148	126	Polypipe	145	...	1.9	1.7	20.9
517	485	Portals	492	...	14.5	3.8	-
32	19	Porter Chadburn	20	-1	2.5	15.6	4.9
7½	5½	Porth Gp	7	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	355	-1	6.0	2.1	20.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	16½	-½	0.7	5.6	8.4
54	37½	RFS Group	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ramco Oil	112	+1	...	2.2	79.9
744	636	Rank Org	690	+1	31.0	5.8	18.3
33	23	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
657	592	Reckitt Colm	592	-5	...	3.4	23.8
77	50	Record	76	...	3.6	6.1	36.2
4	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	12.2
22	19	PAI	19	...	...	...	...

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1581½	Alex & Alex	1625	+31½	...	4.2	...
2275	1793½	Am Gen	2125	-12½	...	3.6	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	35	...	4.4	15.7	17.0
148	133	Bradstock	138	-2	5.1	4.6	17.0
1475	1078	Britannic	1463	+5	33.5	2.0	-
641	561	Com Union	622	+2	...	4.9	...
1480	1225	Dom & Gen	1440	...	...	1.6	23.8
615½	551	Gen Accident	590	-7	26.7	5.8	...
195	160	GRE	179	-4	7.0	4.9	14.9
370	332	Heath C E	332	-3	16.0	6.0	19.5
195	168	Hogg Gp	195	...	8.1	5.4	-
198	164	JIB Group	194	...	7.5	4.8	19.6
493	408½	Legal & Gen	449	-3	...	3.3	63.1
1026	768	Liberty Life	832	+53	...	3.5	14.4
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	404	-8	17.3	5.4	14.5
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	275	+1	5.6	2.6	20.1
368	274	Londn & Man	344	-3	14.2	5.3	-
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	350	+2	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743½	5756½	Marsh McLn	6168½	+43½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	77	...	...	8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	-1	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	330	-3	...	4.5	22.0
1138	800	Refuge	1060	...	31.5	3.7	29.4
321	258	Royal	305	-5	5.0	2.0	...
183	153	Sedgwick	153	-3	6.0	4.9	18.4
261	216	Steel Burrill	226	-4	13.2	7.3	-
87	59	Sturge Hldgs	60	...	8.2	17.2	6.1
362	307	Sun Alliance	328	-7	14.2	5.4	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
287	239	Transatlantic	287	+1	12.0	5.2	-
773	499	Utd Friendly	693	...	14.5	2.7	-
208	171	Willis Corroon	192	-1	...	4.3	-
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1645	-3	45.0	3.4	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	237	-1	4.8	2.6	49.2
343	304	Ang & O'seas	339	-1	6.8	2.5	43.0
136½	124½	BZW Conv	126½	-½	7.8	7.7	14.8
158	133½	Bankers	151½	...	3.4	2.9	41.4
298	264	Baring Tribne	274	-1	6.4	2.9	43.3
148	131	Berry Starq	142	...	2.0	1.8	48.0
105½	96½	Br Assets	102	-½	...	5.2	25.0
75	57½	Br Empire Sec	65½	...	0.8	1.7	65.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	41.9
164	130	Cont Asset	155	-1	2.4	1.9	51.6
195	145	Derby Inc	195	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	195	-do- Cap	218	-2	...	...	...
119	90	Drayton Asia	110½	...	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
57	35	-do- Eng Intl	54	...	1.2	2.8	78.1
111	84	-do- Far East	109	...	0.6	0.7	...
107	95	-do- Korea	100	...	0.5	0.7	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	607	-3	25.4	5.2	27.9
582	513	-do- Wwde	570	...	9.5	2.1	58.7
270	222	Dundee & Lon	254	...	12.0	5.9	23.4
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	47	...	4.8	13.0	8.5
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	51½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	265	...	8.0	3.8	32.4
155	141	Electric Gen	152	...	3.1	2.5	48.4
97	85	English Scot	93	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	249	...	...	2.0	30.4
92	77	Finsbury 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	260½	-1½	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	203	-1	...	3.5	39.8
266	212	Do Conti	245	...	2.8	1.4	...
171	147	-do- Enlp	169	-1	4.5	3.3	37.9
264	213	-do- F East	264	+1	1.3	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fldg	299½	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	110	...	5.8	6.6	18.7
214	136	-do- Japan	209	-3	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	253	-1	6.7	3.3	-
251	212	-do- O'seas	239	...	4.0	2.1	57.1
229	203	Foreign & Col	222½	-2	3.3	1.9	60.6
210	164	-do- Eurotst	193	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	99	...	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	250	-5	1.9	1.0	-
137½	116	-do- Smaller	135	...	...	1.7	68.6
215	145	GT Japan	209	-3½	...	0.7	...
110	65	Genl Cons Cap	110	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	107	...	...	9.9	11.0
145	129	Govett Am Emir	126	-1	...	...	...
240	184	-do- Oriental	240	...	0.9	0.5	...
246	207	-do- Strategy	239	...	6.7	3.5	33.0
373	340	Greenfriar	371	...	6.3	2.1	55.7
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
134	125	Inv Cap	130	-½	5.1	4.9	26.1
92	77	I&S UK Smllr	85½	...	2.0	2.9	21.1
183	159½	Kleinwort Chrt	172	-1	5.0	3.6	33.5
203	176	-do- O'seas	196½	-½	3.3	2.1	55.6
126	108	-do- Smlr	112	...	4.0	4.5	27.2
595	540	Law Debenture	583	+2	18.2	3.9	29.1
171	164	Majedie	170	...	...	3.5	32.9
249	221	Merchants	238½	-½	10.6	5.6	-
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4967½	...	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	399	-2	6.7	2.1	53.7
126	106	Morg Grenf Inc	125	...	...	4.6	24.8
37	23	Do Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	43	...	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	311	+3½	...	4.3	29.6
319	265	-do- Intl	291	+1½	11.4	4.9	26.2
312	263	-do- Small	297	...	4.0	1.7	64.0
103	98	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.4	9.6
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	-1	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	142½	-½	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	243	...	10.3	5.3	19.2
71	56½	New Frontier	69	+1	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nthing Inc	78	...	0.7	10.8	10.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	287	...	2.8	1.2	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	346	-1	1.1	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	246	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8200	...	...	2.4	49.0
119	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	116	-1	1.1	1.2	52.5
123	108	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	390	+6	...	3.3	...
388	346	Rolinco	385	-3	...	2.1	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237	...	7.5	4.0	31.9
148½	131	Scot American	139½	-1	4.3	3.9	39.6
945	681	Scott Asian	935	...	...	...	...
325	225	do Warrants	325	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	69	-1	1.5	2.8	45.3
201	183	Scottish	193½	...	4.6	3.0	40.1
201	178	-do- Mtge	187	-1	3.9	2.6	44.0
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	58.6
1503	1390	Second Alliance	1430	-4	36.5	3.2	38.4
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81	-½	3.2	5.0	27.0
130	109½	Selective Asset	123	...	1.2	1.2	44.2
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20½	...	3.1	19.6	...
139	112	TR Far East	131	...	4.5	4.3	28.5
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	134½	...	6.7	4.5	28.0
141	110	TR Pacific	129	-1	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	61.0
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52½	...	1.7	4.2	26.0
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	159½	...	3.7	2.9	46.7
315	283	Temple Bar	305	-3	13.2	5.4	23.0
90	69	Thrgtn Asian E	87	+1	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Throgmorton	60	...	2.3	4.8	24.5
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	393	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	189	...	4.5	3.0	34.8
91	76½	Value Inc Tst	91	...	...	4.9	24.0
598	542	Whitbread Inv	562	-2	15.0	3.3	37.3
195	181	Wtan	190	...	5.6	3.7	33.3

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	292	-3	7.2	3.1	10.3
60	42	Ald Leis	48	...	4.7	...	13.7
272	194	Anglia TV	249	...	9.2	4.6	-
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	202	+1	10.0	6.4	-
1195	930	Boosey Hwks	1170	...	20.0	2.1	18.8
104	90	Border TV	92	...	...	3.7	12.0
10½	4½	Brent Walker	10½	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3½	...	...	...	...
292	210	Campari	215	-8	12.0	7.3	-
197	171	Capital Radio	193	...	5.2	3.4	22.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	743	-12	17.0	2.9	21.9
200	158	Castle Comm	185	-2	...	5.9	16.5
1825	1615	Central TV	1773	...	38.0	2.7	-
11	6½	Chrysalis	6½	-6	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	570	-1	12.3	2.7	16.5
350	218	Eurocamp	220	...	9.7	5.5	9.1
1180	710	Euro Disney	1005	-18	...	1.2	...
6	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	-½	...	...	9.3
23	18	Ex-Lands	19½	...	...	...	...
317	245	Fairline Boats	299	-1	10.5	4.4	...
378	320	First Leisure	357	...	6.1	2.1	24.7
515	298	GWR Gp	515	...	...	1.7	26.5
181	149	Grampian	172	...	5.5	4.0	12.1
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	47	...	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	35	...	5.5	...	2.2
11	9½	Kunick	10	-½	...	...	...
384	262	LWT CP	380	...	4.9	1.6	-
451	327	Man Utd	447	-4	18.0	5.1	15.2
148	96½	Owners Abrd	111	-1	3.5	3.9	8.9
66	33	The Pelican Gp	53	-1	...	2.4	18.2
130	55	Prism Leisure	118	-1	...	2.0	13.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
162	132	Ramsdens (H)	148	-1	...	3.8	19.6
502	431	Scot TV	454	-1	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	194	...	...	2.7	16.4
7	5½	Sunleigh	6½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
29	15	TSW	29	...	23.8	...	...
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	0.6	...	...
221	150	Thames TV	179	-1	7.5	5.2	5.1
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	92	...	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World	68	...	...	1.5	24.8
344	274	Ulster TV	344	+1	10.0	3.7	-
22	17	Wembley	18	...	1.8	...	...
31	7½	Whitegate	23	-1	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	164	-9	12.0	9.1	5.0
108	83	Zetters Gp	106	...	8.0	9.4	10.7

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3287½	1800	Am Gold	2975	+75	...	7.4	13.5
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1125	-100	...	9.1	4.8
1712½	1125	Ang Am	1500	+50	...	5.1	9.3
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	14½	...	...	...	...
91	33	Blyvoors	71	...	...	9.6	3.5
25½	18	Bracken	22	+1	...	...	1.2
535	233	Buffels	451	-24	...	9.8	9.9
2	1½	Butte	1½	-½	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	634	-6	...	3.5	-
19	11	Cluff Res	12	...	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1037½	+50	...	5.1	-
68	37½	Deelkraal	54	...	...	12.4	2.7
30	7	Doornfontein	22	+1	...	...	...
600	388	Driefontein	525	+1	...	7.0	8.7
289	120	Durban	246	+4	...	...	...
94	47	E Rand Gold	73	+1	...	15.7	2.1
126	62	E Dagga	105	+2	...	...	7.9
206	54	E Rand Prop	172	+3	...	...	...
281	117	Elandsrand	238	+20	...	5.7	5.0
574	292	FS Cons	467	+16	...	11.4	4.7
25	8	FS Dev	15	-1	...	...	...
1238	725	GFSA	1113	+63	...	4.0	15.8
164	125	Gencor	144	+4	...	6.9	11.2
47½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	44½	-2	...	3.3	10.2
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	13	...	...	...	...
118	49	Grootvlei	91	+2	...	12.6	4.8
245	78	Harmony	210	+13	...	...	...
208	87	Hartles	174	+10	...	...	6.1
14	8½	Inocua	9½	-½	...	...	...
783	491	Impala Plat	673	-39	...	...	13.7
9½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
685	332	Kinross	598	+2	...	9.3	5.9
541	319	Kloof	484	+9	...	4.1	7.4
71	25	Leslie	54	...	...	6.5	4.9
48	13	Loraine	37	...	...	...	...
116½	96½	MIM	99½	-2½	...	2.5	42.5
955	830	Minorco	920	+15	...	4.1	10.9
120	91	Nth Brkn Hill	115½	+½	...	4.6	-
1400	610	Orange Free	1212½	+37½	...	11.5	9.7
709	634	RTZ	647½	-10½	19.5	4.0	28.3
550	425	Rand Mines	475	-50	...	13.6	2.0
133	85	Rand Min Prp	123	-10	...	15.2	5.4
333	150	Randfontein	291	+17	...	6.5	4.0
163	115	Renison	160	-2	...	3.0	14.5
1075	850	Rustnbrg	850	-43½	...	5.9	12.1
388	191	St Helena	336	+6	...	5.9	6.2
1050	475	Southvaal	877	-1	...	7.3	13.6
59	18	Stilfontein	52	...	...	14.0	7.8
141	58	Unisel	121	+2	...	2.8	10.8
3400	1800	Vaal Reefs	2900	-50	...	8.4	4.5
363	154	Welkom	316	+6	...	11.4	8.8
79	26	Western Areas	62	+1	...	...	...
1425	587½	Western Deep	1150	+47½	...	6.1	4.7
247	176	Wstrn Mining	245	-2	...	...	...
660	323	Winkels	590	-6	...	1.9	4.4
64	56	Zambia Copper	65	-4	...	...	...
34	18	Zandpan	28	-1	...	...	6.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
116	82	Appleyard	113	...	5.2	5.8	-
275	203	Bletchley Mtr	273	+3	8.8	4.1	-
147	120	Bostrom	145	...	6.0	5.3	-
294	165	Br Aerospace	274	-1	7.0	3.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	7½	-½	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtrs	126	...	...	4.0	32.0
28	18	Cook (DC)	18	...	...	...	79.8
226	156	Cowie (T)	214	-2	6.2	3.7	16.3
110	86	Dag Motors	109	...	5.7	6.8	-
140	106	Davnpt Vern	140	...	4.0	3.6	17.3
264	155	ERF	205	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	106	...	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	275	-2	11.2	5.1	-
290	226	FR Group	272	-1	7.2	3.4	-
3587½	2843½	Ford Motor	3543½	-6½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2800	-25	...	1.9	...
51	38	Gowrings	51	...	...	2.0	5.0
123	85	Henlys	121	+11	3.0	3.1	...
875	650	Honda Motor	857	+2	...	0.7	...
36	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
93	66	Jessups	93	+5	4.5	6.0	-
136	97	Kwik-Fit	121	+2	3.3	3.5	-
341	281	Lex Service	339	...	10.6	3.9	-
117	85	Lookers	110	+3	6.2	7.0	...
152	126	Lucas	130	+3	7.0	6.8	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
161	106	Perry Gp	155	...	6.0	4.9	-
153	108	Quicks Group	148	...	6.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	123	...	5.0	5.1	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	132	...	4.0	3.8	20.4
173	121	Westland	173	+1	4.2	3.1	15.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.0	19.4
608	488	Blenheim Gp	518	...	...	2.2	-
308	275	Bristol	303	...	11.5	4.7	22.5
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9100	-25	130	1.8	20.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9100	...	130	1.8	20.5
305	262	Dorling Kind	268	...	...	1.4	25.5
365	328	EMAP	357	-1	...	2.6	23.2
983	873	Euromoney Pb	938	...	29.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrington K	224	...	4.5	2.5	18.1
358	233	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
283	226	Headline	283	+2	4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	137	...	6.0	5.6	-
5½	3	Intl Bus Comm	4½	...	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	518	...	...	4.2	-
551	395	Johnstns Press	531	...	6.2	1.5	23.0
288	243	Metal Bulletn	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
132	88	Mirror Gp	132	+2	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	358	+5	...	0.3	22.5
228	164	News Intl	228	...	...	0.5	15.8
422	354	Pearson	414	+4	...	3.6	19.4
655	510	Portsmth Sund	650	...	8.0	1.7	16.7
686	618	Reed Intl	681	-2	...	3.1	29.7
146	98	Southnews	142	...	...	1.3	41.9
130	90	Sterling Pubs	116	...	...	2.7	38.3
368	328	Telegraph	355	+3	11.0	3.9	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	765	-10	25.4	4.2	-
347	313	Trinity Ind	343	+1	8.7	3.2	-
39	34	Unit Groups	34	...	...	...	...
595	494	Utd Nwspapers	573	+3	...	4.7	14.3

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet	19½	-½	...	...	...
28½	17	Aran Energy	24½	+½	...	...	-
52	40	Arcon Intl	47	...	...	...	...
55	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	55	...	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	47	-1	...	...	...
14	9	Beveriey	10	...	0.6	...	...
163	145	Br Borneo	150	-4	7.1	5.9	4.5
326	226	British Gas	302½	-3	...	5.9	13.3
312½	225	Br Petroleum	305	+4	10.5	4.3	48.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	+½	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	734	-1	...	4.4	17.5
51	32	Cairn Energy	50	-1	...	...	7.2
268	229	Calor Gp	255	...	12.0	6.0	-
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	46	-½	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	30	+1	...	...	...
13½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	13½	+½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	494	+6	...	4.0	37.8
88	55	Exp Co Louis	68	...	...	...	...
26½	16½	Fairhaven Intl	25½	...	...	2.2	-
67	45	Goal Pet	54	-1	1.4	3.2	-
31	16	Gt Western Res	26	...	...	...	...
152	108	Hardy O & G	134	...	1.0	0.9	62.1
32½	18½	Kelt Energy	28	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	142½	-9½	3.3	2.9	-
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Resa	20	...	...	...	...
46½	34	Monument	44½	-½	...	...	...
9½	6½	New London	8½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.2	10.4
35	22	Oil Search	35	+1	...	...	...
14	12	Petroz	13½	...	...	...	...
110	99	Plot Pet	103	...	...	...	14.3
30½	19	Premier	27	...	...	...	9.5
80	50	Presidio	80	...	...	7.9	...
368	290	Ranger	290	...	...	8.0	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	5900	+46	...	5.5	13.8
4262½	3600	Schlumberger	4112½	...	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	64	...	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	583½	+2½	21.9	4.7	17.9
201	191	Sunrise Eng Sv	192	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	4½	-1	...	...	-
41	25	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	5.7
9	6½	Viliers Grp	9	...	...	...	...
171	143½	Woodside	170	-1	...	2.3	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	249	API	293	+1	7.5	3.2	25.5
190	144	Arjo Wiggins	181	-1	...	6.5	17.9
493	408	Abbott Mead	493	...	9.3	3.4	-
1½	½	Aeris Group	1	...	...	...	...
23	13	Aegis Gp	19½	-½	1.3	8.8	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	190	...	...	3.3	-
10½	7	BBB Design	10	...	...	...	...
327	234½	Bemrose	327	...	...	4.5	-
33	16	Birkdale	24	...	0.2	1.0	20.3
138	118	Bunzl	127	...	4.0	3.9	-
287	259	CLA Gp	263	...	...	2.1	-
347	116	Capital Inds	343	-1	4.0	2.1	-
54	44	City Of Lon	51	...	...	8.3	10.7
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.6	24.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	66	...	1.3	2.7	13.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.4	-
53	42	Dudley Jenkins	50	...	...	...	12.9
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.4
58	41	Fairway Groupa	58	...	...	6.8	17.1
296	271	Ferguson Intl	293	...	12.5	5.3	10.9
109	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	-
106	74	Filofax	90	...	...	0.6	22.5
30	14	Finch	14	...	...	...	1.6
75	69	Gibbon Lyons	75	...	...	8.3	14.7
295	247	Gold Greenless	270	...	...	3.8	22.4
41	20	Goodhead	37	...	0.3	2.3	...
84	43	Hunterprint	69	...	...	...	...
163	136	Interurope	163	...	7.4	5.7	10.7
234	191	Jarvis Porter	234	...	4.4	2.5	24.4
28	15½	Lopex	23	...	...	...	11.6
271	175	More O'Ferrall	250	+4	13.2	6.6	-
78	48	NMC Group	70	...	1.2	...	13.8
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
206	167	Quarto	206	...	5.2	4.2	10.8
347	319	St Ives Gp	344	-1	5.2	1.9	23.4
198	152	Saatchi	171	+1	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	333	...	...	11.8	6.2
19½	11½	Serif	15½	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	21½	...	...	...	...
334	294	Smith David	329	+1	9.5	3.6	14.5
295	252	Smurfit (Jeff)	274	-2	...	0.5	9.4
240	183	Smi-Plus	239	...	8.0	4.3	-
23	16½	Taylor Nelson	21½	...	0.3	1.7	-
53	38	VTR	50	...	...	8.5	14.2
65	40	WPP	59	...	...	2.1	...
105	62	Wace	105	+1	2.2	2.7	-
221	203	Waddington (J)	215	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
652	540	Watmough	652	+2	11.5	2.2	25.6
6½	4½	Westpore	6½	...	...	...	22.4
19	12	Whinney Mcks	19	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	65	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	62	...	3.5	7.2	52.6
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
70	54	Asda	70	...	2.0	3.6	25.0
121	88	Avonside	115	+2	4.0	4.3	-
2637½	2062½	BCE	2250	...	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	535	...	18.9	4.5	-
26	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.0	...
176	150	Bradford	175	+2	4.4	3.2	15.9
23	12	Bredero	15	...	...	...	1.4
277	176	Br Land	259	+1	6.3	3.1	23.9
198	153	Brixton	184	+3	8.1	5.5	14.0
57	45	Burford	52	...	1.1	2.8	-
142	99	Cap & Regnl	139	...	0.9	...	...
125	120	Cardiff Prop	125	...	3.4	2.4	...
260	196	Chesterfield	260	...	18.5	...	18.3
32	12	City Sne Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
14	10	Clayform	10½	...	...	...	...
1030	818	Daejan	1030	+5	25.0	3.0	16.1
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenhm Tewn	72	...	2.5	4.3	26.2
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
90	76	Dencora	89	...	5.5	7.7	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	408	...	8.6	2.7	-
225	170	Estates Agency	200	...	3.0	1.9	18.3
27	7½	Estates Gen	10	...	...	...	...
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
22	11	Five Oaks	21	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	386	...	15.0	4.9	21.8
140	97	Grainger	138	...	5.2	4.8	30.8
170	120	Gr Portland	163	+2	10.0	7.7	16.2
19	7½	Greycoat	16½	...	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	112½	-2½	...	5.8	-
64	35	Hambro Cntyw	58½	-1	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	365	+1	10.0	3.4	10.5
382	245	-do- 'A'	329	...	10.0	3.8	15.8
169	122	Helical Bar	164	...	...	3.7	...
26	12	Hemingway	23	...	...	...	...
132	72	Herring Baker	73	...	7.0	12.0	...
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.4	...
539	435	Land Sec	534	-2	21.7	5.1	16.2
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	89	...	3.8	5.3	14.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
418	324	MEPC	387	-2	20.0	6.5	16.2
6½	5	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	106	...	6.2	...	17.4
7½	3	Marsheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
33½	12	Merivale Mre	33½	...	1.0	3.7	...
7	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
35	31	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	...	...
980	775	Mountview	850	+50	16.0	2.7	6.7
139	112	Muckinw (A&J)	135	...	5.9	5.6	16.6
40	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
10½	5½	Ossory Est	7½	...	0.1	2.1	2.3
201	138	Peel	164	...	3.0	2.0	...
16	8	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.2
122	88	Prop Security	109	-½	3.7	4.3	21.7
39	26	Property Trust	28	...	...	...	...
2	1½	Raglan	1½	...	...	...	...
16½	11	Regalian	15½	-½	1.5	12.3	3.0
8	7½	Rosehaugh	7½	...	...	...	...
135	115	Rowlinson Secs	115	...	1.3	1.5	34.5
33	16	St Modwen Prp	32	...	0.6	2.3	24.4
52	39	Savills	49	...	...	...	...
58	34	Scot Met	54	+1	1.5	3.5	...
69	55	Shaftesbury	69	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35	...	0.5	1.8	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	171	...	...	6.1	-
74	56	Southend Prop	70	-½	4.1	7.5	35.3
16	7	Speyhawk	13	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps	26	...	...	...	...
156	114	Tops Ests	152	...	2.0	1.6	38.6
100	79	Town Centre	96	...	3.1	4.0	17.9
65	43	Trafford Park	59	...	2.5	5.5	15.9
38	8	UK Land	21	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	...	...	...	...
217	180	Warner	217	+1	10.5	6.3	19.2
199	168	Warnford	192	+1	7.2	4.7	15.3
8	5½	Waterglade	6½	...	...	...	...
49	35	Wates	43½	...	0.7	2.2	...
51	40	Wood John D	50	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
17	11	Automagic	17	...	...	...	...
128	91	Headlam	126	+3	...	2.7	-
500	330	Lambert	385	...	13.0	4.2	-
100	60	Pittard Garnar	80	-1	2.0	3.1	22.9
27	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.0	5.8
150	89	Stylo	130	...	3.0	3.0	-

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
495	408	Allied Text	466	-4	12.6	3.4	14.9
69	54½	Beckman (A)	56	...	4.7	...	10.9
27	21	Bohon Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	-
153	89	Celestion	144½	-2½	1.4	1.2	...
30	15	Charnwell	30	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	324	...	7.2	2.8	-
601	551	Courtauld Text	564	-2	13.6	3.0	15.4
53½	24½	Cupid	33	-1	...	13.5	3.9
248½	221	Dawson	234	...	9.0	4.8	22.8
30	22	Drummond	23	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faspel	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	30	...	0.5	3.1	...
85	62	Gaskell	83	...	4.3	7.1	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	166	...	3.4	2.6	14.1
51	45	Jerome (S)	49	...	1.0	...	...
328	249	Lamont	310	...	12.0	5.0	-
425	353½	Leeds	421	...	...	2.2	20.3
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	102	Lyles (S)	103	...	4.9	5.9	11.7
100	69	Parkland 'A'	98	+2	2.0	2.6	...
95½	82	Readicut	91	...	3.4	4.7	18.1
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	85	...	5.1	7.6	14.9
58	44	Stirling Gp	57	...	1.6	3.6	25.7
51	43	Stoddard	43	...	2.6	7.6	11.5
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	44	-1	...	...	...
356	252	Yorklyde	355	...	9.7	3.5	16.6

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	855	BAT	895	-10	...	5.2	19.3
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	624	+1	10.2	2.1	14.3

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	382	...	8.5	2.8	...
813	738	BAA	775	-10	14.5	2.3	13.7
311	260	Br Airways	285	+1	...	4.6	7.6
81	58	Clarkson (H)	58	...	1.5	3.3	...
25	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	460	-5	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Graig	130	...	4.5	4.4	...
166	147	IoM Steam	158	...	...	6.3	8.3
32	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	+1	0.5	2.0	...
77	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	77	+5	1.2	2.0	4.7
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2037½	+37½	4.5	0.3	11.1
349	280	Mersey Docks	329	+2	7.5	2.8	-
210	181	Natl Express	188	-2	...	4.7	-
284	238	NFC	247	+6	6.5	3.3	18.7
302	244	Ocean Group	282	-3	14.3	6.6	-
53	40	Ocean Wilson	49	...	...	6.8	10.9
627	504	P & O Dfd	547	-15	...	7.0	17.6
137	122	P & O 5 1/2%	133	+2	...	5.2	...
534	448	Powell Duffryn	531	+1	22.6	5.3	21.2
138	117	Seacon	130	...	...	4.9	8.2
41½	24	TIP Europe	41	...	1.4	4.3	9.8
43	31½	TNT	42	-½	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britten	713	...	11.8	2.1	-
382	325	Tiphook	336	-4	17.3	6.4	6.7
298	259	TDG	269	+2	9.5	4.4	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	505	-10	19.3	4.8	9.2
652	547	Northumbrian	619	-9	20.5	4.1	6.4
533	440	North West	491	-11	19.6	5.0	8.6
531	439	Severn Trent	491	-11	19.3	4.9	7.2
554	454	Sthrn Water	514	-5	19.5	4.7	9.1
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1325	...	40.2	3.8	8.6
569	467	South West	523	-10	21.7	5.2	7.9
563	468	Thames Water	513	-13	19.2	4.7	9.7
612	506	Welsh Water	567	-9	21.4	4.7	6.5
649	536	Wessex Water	610	-8	...	4.0	8.2
593	506	Yorkshire W	546	-10	19.5	4.5	8.9

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Euro Smllr Cos	149.50	159.10	+0.20	1.90
Exempt	81.47	83.64	+0.71	3.60
German Growth	55.53	59.21	+0.71	0.70
Global Growth	106.30	113.20	-0.20	...
Japan Growth	187.30	200.70	-0.70	...
Japan Sunrise	160.20	171.30	+1.60	...
Portfolio	114.70	122.70	-0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	204.40	218.80	...	3.20
UK Growth	76.93	81.85	-1.16	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	79.51	85.03	-0.06	1.90
Select Managers	61.66	66.09†	+0.06	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	101.92	109.00	+0.26	1.87
-do- Inc	92.65	99.09†	+0.24	1.87
Global Bond	29.10	30.88	-0.02	5.03
High Yield Acc	51.49	55.07	+0.14	4.43
-do- Inc	37.37	39.97†	+0.10	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	86.75	92.78	+0.95	1.35
-do- Inc	80.22	85.80	+0.88	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	58.05	62.09	+0.85	..
-do- Inc	56.97	60.93	+0.83	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.05	103.80	+1.17	1.07
-do- Inc	95.72	102.38†	+1.16	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.16	36.54†	+0.30	1.46
Pacific Growth	95.16	101.77	+4.57	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.33	92.33	+0.38	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Financial	118.70	126.40	+1.10	3.31
Smaller Cos Acc	273.30	292.40	+3.40	...
Smaller Cos Inc	159.90	170.00†	+0.70	1.27
High Inc	69.55	74.77	+1.73	7.01
Income	122.70	131.30†	-0.20	4.19
Mngd P folio Inc	91.38	97.32	+1.10	2.04
-do- Acc	172.70	183.90	+2.10	...
North American	100.80	107.30	+0.60	0.20

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	62.04	66.01†	-0.28	1.17
-do- Acc	69.94	74.41	-0.32	1.17
Income Fund 5	207.80	221.10	-4.50	4.12
-do- Acc	483.60	514.50†	+1.60	4.12
Inv Portfolio	66.30	68.71	+0.37	2.05
-do- Acc	74.87	77.59	+0.42	2.03
Smaller Cos	121.20	129.00	+1.50	1.93
-do- Acc	145.70	155.00	+1.90	1.93
High Inc P folio	59.31	61.46	+0.21	4.78

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Environ	132.30	140.80	-0.10	1.72
UK Growth	144.10	153.40	+0.60	2.11
UK Income	119.70	127.40†	+0.30	4.25

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
SE Asia	79.84	85.39†	+2.46	1.07
Growth	43.57	46.60	-0.04	3.07
Income	52.26	55.69	+0.03	4.35
Far East	46.45	49.71†	+0.35	0.16
North American	78.43	84.11†	-0.42	0.01
Global	80.64	86.25†	+0.51	0.77
European	67.91	72.63†	+0.07	1.22
Japan	106.50	114.00	-0.50	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.82	61.27†	+0.45	5.23
UK Cap Gwth	75.76	81.03†	+0.26	2.21

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5562

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	125.30	133.40†	-1.40	0.15
-do- Acc	133.30	141.90	-1.50	0.15
European	65.55	69.45	+0.25	1.03
-do- Acc	67.94	71.99	+0.26	1.03
Far East Gen	62.02	65.98†	...	...
-do- Acc	62.02	65.98	...	...
Glenfriars	241.60	257.10†	+1.30	0.95
-do- Acc	272.00	289.40	+1.50	0.95

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Growth	371.10	396.90†	+2.40	2.66
-do- Acc	635.30	679.50	+4.30	2.66
Income Growth	367.80	391.30	+1.80	4.10
-do- Acc	489.00	520.30	+2.30	4.10
Master Portfolio	9369.0	9597.0†	+11.00	2.76
-do- Acc	10759.0	11136.0	-12.00	2.76
Special Sits	84.40	89.79	-0.32	2.55
-do- Acc	98.76	105.07	-0.38	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1196.0	1232.0	+7.00	4.53
-do- Acc	1383.0	1426.0	+6.00	4.53

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Index	188.50	200.80	+1.80	1.65
Capital	518.00	552.60†	...	2.41
Eurotrack 100	127.60	135.80	+0.40	1.52
Euro Gth	79.61	84.77	+0.53	1.37
Far East Growth	87.39	93.26	+1.15	0.14
Global Bond	23.26	24.52	+0.18	5.83
Hong Kong	73.35	78.28†	+4.25	0.58
Income	487.90	520.60†	-1.30	4.63
Intl Growth	72.70	77.56	+0.38	0.98
Japan Growth	255.90	273.00	-1.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	31.98	34.13	+0.89	...
Japan Index	74.32	79.31	-1.03	0.24
Nth American	410.90	438.50†	+0.60	0.98
S pore Mly Gth	49.58	52.91	+0.44	...
The Footsie Fd	105.60	111.50	...	2.64
Tiger Index	133.70	142.60	+3.00	0.70
UK Index	120.40	128.40	...	3.03

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American P folio	82.37	87.98	+1.61	1.00
European P folio	71.77	76.24†	+0.03	1.38
Japanese P folio	61.73	65.48	+0.11	...
Pacific P folio	95.99	101.07	-1.40	2.45
Cazenove P folio	68.66	73.44	-0.26	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.68	65.13†	-0.50	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.64	50.27	-1.15	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	608.20	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	...	9.28
Deposit	5.75	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	...	...
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	61.53	64.77†	-0.40	2.33
Beckman Intl	80.68	85.14†	+0.40	3.11
Friars Hse Inc	176.66	189.96	-2.05	6.13
Friars Hse Cap	247.31	265.92	+0.03	2.74

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 651 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan Gth Acc	40.17	42.73	-0.14	...
Managed	61.25	65.16	-0.07	2.75
-do- Acc	73.97	78.70	-0.08	2.75
Smaller Cos	32.73	34.82	-0.23	1.96
-do- Acc	36.88	39.23	+0.27	1.96
UK General	68.19	72.54	+1.07	2.43
-do- Acc	81.75	86.97	+1.29	2.43
Wwide Bd	62.10	65.96†	+0.09	6.11
-do- Acc	79.88	84.84	+0.11	6.11
Wwide Sp Sits	55.41	59.26	-0.32	0.17
-do- Acc	57.73	61.74	-0.33	0.17
Quilter General	117.82	125.34†	+0.38	2.50
-do- Acc	130.91	139.27	+0.43	2.50
Quilter Income	91.85	97.71†	+0.34	3.58
-do- Acc	113.20	120.43	+0.42	3.88
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	67.80	72.13	-0.17	1.90
-do- Acc	89.68	95.40	-0.25	1.90

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	76.16	81.04	+3.08	0.96
Japanese Acc	58.99	62.75	-0.45	...
UK Balncd Inc	123.90	131.80	+0.40	2.55
-do- Acc	144.60	153.80	+0.40	2.55
UK Growth Acc	203.30	216.30	+0.20	2.23
UK High Inc	132.30	140.70	+0.20	6.75
-do- Acc	156.20	166.20	+0.30	6.75
N America Acc	108.90	115.80	...	0.34
European Acc	151.70	161.40	+1.00	0.43
UK Pref Fil Inc	60.44	64.13	-0.20	8.81
-do- Acc	97.55	103.50	-0.30	8.91

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	110.50	117.20	+1.30	...
UK Smlr Cos	185.10	196.70	+1.40	1.27
Eurofund	37.47	39.67	-0.20	1.01
Mngd Exempt	162.20	169.10†	-0.40	3.10
Growth Inc	207.60	220.60	...	4.08
High Dist	135.60	144.10	-0.30	6.00
International	313.90	333.40	+0.80	0.97
Intl Income	79.59	84.96†	+0.54	3.06
Pacific	56.54	60.07	+1.79	0.50
Smllr Jap Cos	64.77	68.82	+1.52	...
Tokyo	194.90	207.10	-3.00	...
Japan Exempt	110.50	113.50	-1.90	0.44
Sm Jap Exempt	532.40	547.00	+15.50	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	120.50	128.00	-1.70	0.23
Australia	7.098	7.542	+0.02	1.07
Equity	181.10	192.40	-0.10	4.43
Euro Spec Sits	141.20	149.50	-1.30	0.57
Financial	39.16	41.61	+0.17	2.92
Global Opps Inc	87.46	92.93	+0.67	2.17
-do- Acc	90.66	96.33	+0.69	2.17
Gold Gen Inc	41.61	44.21	-0.91	0.97
-do- Acc	79.40	84.38	-1.73	0.97
Income	117.60	125.00	-0.10	4.93
Japan General	150.40	159.80	-0.30	...

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Endurance	169.90	180.70	+0.50	1.11

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pelican	101.56	106.91†	-0.04	3.46
High Income	118.54	123.78	+0.06	4.96
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.23	147.61	+1.26	2.18
Special Sits	81.85	86.16	-0.11	3.02
North American	103.29	108.73	+1.35	0.94
Far Eastern	231.61	243.80	+6.85	1.43
Intl Growth	91.00	95.79†	+0.65	1.41
European	63.14	66.46	+0.33	2.21
Smaller Cos	68.63	72.24	-0.33	2.21

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 228 707

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
United Charities	218.10	231.90†	-4.70	3.47

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.50
European Tst	112.50	119.70	+1.40	...
High Income	24.64	25.93†	-0.16	5.80

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	91.96	97.33	+0.19	0.88
Far Eastern	131.50	140.60	+0.20	...
Omnia Income	87.46	93.80	-0.52	2.80
UK Growth	90.71	97.02	+0.56	1.54
UK Income	99.11	106.00	-0.10	3.92
US Smaller Cos	233.20	249.40	-0.90	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	401.20	429.00	-5.30	...
-do- Acc	409.90	438.30	-5.90	...
Capital	278.60	296.30	...	2.15
-do- Acc	388.00	412.70	...	2.15
Contl Smllr Cos	46.97	50.52	+0.02	0.97
-do- Acc	48.60	52.31	+0.02	0.97
Convertible	109.10	116.00	-0.90	6.66
-do- Acc	202.00	214.80	+0.80	6.66
European	96.31	102.90	+0.50	1.12
-do- Acc	99.52	106.70	+0.50	1.12
Extra Income	283.60	301.60	+0.60	4.49
-do- Acc	397.10	422.40	+1.00	4.49
Financial	103.50	111.00†	-0.10	0.73
-do- Acc	108.50	116.30†	+0.70	0.73
Health Fund Inc	100.80	107.60	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	100.90	107.60	-3.00	...
Income Tst	175.10	186.20	+0.60	3.77
-do- Acc	244.00	259.50	+0.90	3.77
Intl Growth	297.80	318.00	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	330.70	353.20	-1.60	...
Japan Gen	166.50	177.80	+5.40	...
-do- Acc	168.10	179.70	+5.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	87.94	92.56	+0.11	1.05
-do- Acc	92.18	97.03	+0.12	1.05
Monthly Income	143.70	152.80	+0.40	4.61
Recovery	277.90	297.10	-2.30	0.88
-do- Acc	325.50	348.00	-2.90	0.88

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	342.11	363.95	+2.70	2.90
-do- Acc	690.76	734.85	+5.45	2.90
Euro Gth Dist	104.27	110.93	+1.34	0.81
-do- Acc	107.39	114.24	+1.37	0.81
Fixed Int Dist	130.40	137.93†	-0.20	6.34
-do- Acc	219.08	231.73†	-0.34	6.34
Intl Gth Dist	75.06	79.85	+0.76	0.79
-do- Acc	77.64	82.60	+0.79	0.79
Nth Amer Dist	164.83	174.63	+0.19	0.76
-do- Acc	178.76	189.38	+0.21	0.76
Pac Basin Dist	234.80	249.79	+3.88	0.32
-do- Acc	238.51	253.73	+3.94	0.32
Stewardship Dist	292.53	311.20	-1.11	1.94
-do- Acc	346.09	368.18	-1.31	1.94
Stwd Inc Dist	81.23	85.14	+0.04	3.61
-do- Acc	75.02	79.81	+0.06	3.61
N Am Stwd Dist	93.89	99.88	-2.57	...
-do- Acc	99.32	105.66	-2.72	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	131.70	140.90†	-1.00	...
European	392.90	417.80†	+4.20	1.02
Far East General	212.30	227.10	+6.80	0.32
Germany	98.62	104.30	+1.10	0.43
Global Assets In	65.94	70.43	+0.33	2.29
Global Assets Ac	69.00	73.79	+0.34	2.26
Income Inc	113.40	121.30†	+2.10	7.25
International	254.30	271.80†	-0.40	1.03
Intl Income	77.08	81.94	+1.10	4.86
Japan General	356.10	378.60†	+8.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.13	48.27	+0.39	6.29
UK Capital Inc	154.30	165.10	+1.20	4.04
-do- Acc	263.90	282.30	+1.90	3.97
Uk Spec Sits	71.18	76.13	+1.08	1.67
US General	111.90	119.20	+1.10	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.30	119.10	+0.60	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.78	45.75	+0.11	1.68
Cash Trust	128.13	128.13†	+0.10	4.58
Fract Inv Inc	100.31	107.57†	-0.25	3.97
-do- Acc	215.35	230.94†	+0.55	3.97
UK Smaller Cos	96.74	103.74	+2.95	1.22
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.00	26.79†	-0.08	7.93
High Inc	30.83	32.97	-0.31	5.07
UK Equity Inc	126.17	134.94	-1.10	3.94
Global Bond	29.03	30.10†	-0.03	5.75
International Funds				
Gold Intl	66.90	71.74	-4.25	1.37
Frontier Markets	39.50	42.36†	-0.24	0.42
Global Inc Gth	116.32	124.11†	-0.35	2.22
UK Intl	108.50	116.04	+0.90	0.56
Overseas Funds				
American	126.32	133.56	-0.14	0.49
European	80.26	85.11†	-0.25	0.68
Euro Sel Opps	92.25	98.31	-0.61	0.84

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	122.62	131.15	+1.12	0.37
American Gth	116.58	124.68	+0.06	...
European Gth	67.60	72.27	-0.32	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	74.85	80.05	-0.79	...
Pacific Inc	132.69	141.91	+3.56	2.85
Pacific Strategy	109.30	116.89	+3.08	0.25
UK Prog Inc	73.87	77.76	-2.66	4.61
Gt British Cos	48.01	50.61	-0.56	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.00	45.99	-0.17	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	130.70	130.70†	+0.10	4.90
Gilt Fixed	120.00	127.30	+0.20	6.47
Growth Equity	280.30	299.40	+2.90	2.12
Guardhill	413.90	442.10	+3.10	2.38
Income Trust	106.90	114.20	-0.20	3.43
International	153.50	163.90†	+1.00	0.36
Japan Trust	119.80	127.90	-1.50	...
Nth American	248.80	265.80†	+0.31	0.46
Pacific	362.50	387.20†	+10.90	...
European	335.20	358.10	+2.60	0.57

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838848

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	34.37	36.44	+0.14	1.80
-do- Acc	35.98	38.14	+0.14	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	29.09	30.84†	-0.06	4.20
-do- Acc	30.24	32.06	-0.06	4.20

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Canadian	70.34	75.35	-0.38	0.97
Equity Income	111.50	118.60	+0.60	3.58
European	130.80	138.40†	...	0.87
Intl Situation	73.48	78.17	+0.26	...
Japanese	138.70	147.20	+1.10	...
North American	95.72	101.60	-0.50	0.06
Scandinavian	104.90	110.90	+1.30	0.46
Smaller Cos	28.64	30.47	-0.02	2.30

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	85.47	91.40†	-0.01	...
Asian Enterprise	119.60	128.52	+3.40	0.97
Australian	133.33	142.52†	+2.48	1.52
European	361.94	383.10†	+1.58	1.12
European Inc	68.80	72.74	+0.38	3.45
Euro Smlr Co	120.29	128.77	-0.26	1.14
Extra Income	252.13	268.41†	-0.01	5.07
Family of Funds	68.00	72.60	+0.52	1.34
Fixed Interest	55.11	58.93†	-0.07	8.83
Global Resour	87.63	94.06	-2.15	1.19
High Inc	274.52	293.45†	-1.45	4.85
Income Gth	231.08	246.09	+0.28	4.13
-do- Acc	581.52	619.30	+0.71	4.13
International	221.80	236.04†	+0.73	1.01
Japan Spc Sit	223.57	237.80	-0.89	...
Japan	192.73	204.85	+0.44	...
N Amer	216.16	229.98	-0.04	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	169.62	182.67†	+2.32	0.62
Pref Gilt	46.49	49.43†	-0.94	8.67
Smaller Cos Div	156.36	170.42	+0.11	4.84
Special Sits	247.42	264.73†	+1.32	2.21
-do- Acc	381.24	407.92†	+2.03	2.21
Best of British	54.05	57.90	+0.33	2.73
Spirit of the East	56.73	60.57†	-0.05	0.51

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
British	86.74	92.77	+0.89	2.34
Capital	153.80	164.40	+2.40	2.09
Dollar	298.80	319.50	-0.10	0.17
European	190.20	203.40	+0.80	0.55
Far East	223.10	236.00	-1.00	0.64
Financial	655.60	701.10†	+8.20	2.94
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.78	26.78	-0.08	8.00
High Yield	98.55	105.40	+0.30	4.94
Income	132.90	142.10	+2.10	3.49
Intl	207.70	222.20	-0.80	0.37
Japan Tech	67.60	72.20	-0.36	...
Nat Resources	54.76	58.50	-0.17	0.60
Security	289.50	309.60†	-2.30	2.13
Smaller Cos	103.80	111.00†	-0.60	1.64

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.83	25.05	-0.01	1.65
Special Features	26.03	27.65†	-0.02	1.48
-do- Acc	30.78	32.70†	-0.02	1.46
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.54	55.16	+0.05	1.95
Assets Earnings	68.94	73.24	+0.10	1.87
do Acc	81.01	86.07	+0.12	1.87
Managed Invest	83.81	89.54	+0.36	1.22
Rupert Children	73.98	78.90†	+0.24	1.67
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.38	50.38†	+0.04	4.52
Extra Inc	77.26	82.76	-0.13	4.57
Gilt	27.99	29.25	-0.21	6.60
Income Gth	37.52	40.13	-0.56	3.59
MIMstar	74.93	76.64†	-0.20	7.92
Preference	17.66	19.34	+0.10	6.17
UK Income	298.60	319.10†	+0.90	3.10
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.18	58.62	+0.77	1.31
Property Shares	58.41	62.06†	+1.23	2.16
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	139.90	147.10	+0.70	3.58
European Acc	108.20	115.10	+0.30	1.74
European Dist	103.50	109.60	+0.30	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.63	50.71†	+0.36	1.01
European Perf	106.40	112.90	+1.20	1.07
-do- Acc	108.40	115.00	+1.20	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.64	21.98	+0.15	0.74
French Growth	67.35	71.69	+0.19	0.40
-do- Acc	71.95	76.59	+0.21	0.40
Hong K/China	65.75	70.67	+2.99	1.74
Intl Growth	49.57	52.66	+0.11	0.75
-do- Acc	49.57	52.66	+0.11	0.75
Japan Perf	33.26	35.33	+0.22	...
Accum Units	35.26	35.33	+0.22	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.45	36.63	-0.04	...
Singapore Asean	71.90	77.99	+1.45	0.43
-do- Acc	72.34	78.48	+1.46	0.43
South East Asia	210.80	227.50†	+5.40	1.07

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.10	69.44†	+0.06	5.06
Extra Income	50.27	53.48†	-0.60	6.84
Gilt Yield	118.20	124.70	-0.80	7.39
Global Income	195.10	207.50	+1.40	4.22
High Yield	127.50	135.60†	+0.30	6.10
Smllr Cos Div	45.51	48.41	+0.21	4.50
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.67	94.33	+0.89	...
North American	73.41	78.10	-0.77	0.41
European	127.60	135.70	-0.20	0.86
Euro Special	76.69	81.59	-0.07	0.94
General	256.70	273.10	-0.40	3.27
Japan	391.30	416.30	+3.60	...
Japanese Special	210.60	224.00†	+8.40	...
Master Acc	209.50	222.90	+1.00	1.39
Pacific	252.90	269.00†	-5.10	0.60
Smaller Cos	93.97	99.97	-0.03	2.10

IAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	72.84	77.49	+0.43	0.88
Extra Income	23.39	24.82†	-0.20	3.29
Far East	25.89	27.54†	+0.31	0.98
Income Gwth	71.30	75.85	+0.26	2.90
Intl Growth	50.22	53.43†	+0.16	0.78
Japan	61.99	65.95	+0.59	...
Maximum Dist	99.41	101.40†	-1.40	6.85
N Amer Equity	37.86	40.28	-0.08	0.51
UK Equity	83.58	88.91†	-0.65	2.93

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	51.73	55.03	+0.04	4.54

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	412.20	438.50	+2.20	2.95
Equity Acc	782.50	832.40	+4.20	2.95
Equity Income	89.41	95.12	+0.33	3.19
European	93.43	99.39	+0.12	1.72
Far Eastern	172.00	183.00	+1.20	0.32
Fixed Interest	51.14	54.40†	+0.05	7.40
Gilt	89.86	95.20†	-0.12	7.00
Global Growth	63.89	67.97	+0.31	0.77
Intl Bond	55.23	58.76	-0.24	5.00
Japanese	66.28	70.51	-0.49	...
Overseas Equity	92.89	98.82	-0.11	0.80
Pacific Gth	80.50	85.64†	+1.49	1.31

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced	309.10	328.00	-1.80	2.78
-do- Acc	669.40	712.20	-3.50	2.78
Contl Euro Gth	50.13	52.77	-0.05	1.36
-do- Acc	53.01	55.80	-0.06	1.36
Extra Inc	235.20	250.40	-3.90	3.71
-do- Acc	572.40	609.00	-9.10	3.71
German Gth	100.70	106.00	-0.80	0.21
-do- Acc	105.60	111.20	-0.80	0.21
Growth Port	475.20	506.10	+2.10	0.95
-do- Acc	475.70	506.10	+2.10	0.93
Income	434.60	462.40†	+2.20	3.56
-do- Acc	1113.0	1187.0	+19.00	3.56
Income Port	482.10	512.20	-0.80	5.08
-do- Acc	482.10	512.20	-0.80	5.08
Japan Growth	91.43	97.29	-0.49	0.01
-do- Acc	91.77	97.63	-0.49	0.01
Master Trust	50.50	53.73	+0.13	1.43
-do- Acc	54.98	58.44	+0.15	1.43
N American Gen	175.40	186.60	+1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	202.60	215.60	-2.30	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	123.90	131.90	-0.70	0.01
-do- Acc	126.50	134.60	-0.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	195.40	207.90	-8.00	0.63
-do- Acc	206.50	219.70	-8.40	0.63
Small Cos Rec	291.30	306.30	-0.30	2.40
-do- Acc	375.70	395.50	-0.50	2.40
UK Growth	75.53	80.36	-0.92	2.22
-do- Acc	88.07	93.70	-1.08	2.22
Worldwide Gth	267.60	284.70	+2.70	0.29

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	75.94	81.48	+0.35	3.00
Income	57.75	61.96†	+0.08	6.10
International	55.21	59.24	-0.27	0.80
American	57.47	61.66	-0.03	0.40
Japan	50.97	54.69	+0.46	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.50	57.40†	+0.86	2.00

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gen	374.20	399.00	-1.38	0.88
-do- Acc	461.70	497.40	-1.60	0.88
American Rec	398.50	421.40	+0.30	0.24
-do- Acc	455.90	482.10	+0.30	0.24
Am Sm Co Acc	111.50	118.40	-1.10	0.02
Australia Acc	143.20	151.50	+3.00	1.40
Capital	631.30	666.00	+23.70	2.74
-do- Acc	697.00	737.00	+24.90	2.74
Commodity Acc	399.50	422.50	-0.20	0.69
Compnd Gth	793.20	838.80	+3.00	2.98
Dividend	33.90	35.90	-0.30	4.37
-do- Acc	132.00	139.70	-1.10	4.37
Equity Inc	279.80	295.90	+3.80	5.04
European Div	57.30	60.60	+0.30	4.45
-do- Acc	64.70	68.50	+0.40	4.45
European Gen	375.90	397.50	+4.00	1.67
-do- Acc	469.60	496.60	+5.00	1.67
Extra Yield	355.90	376.40†	-3.70	4.48
-do- Acc	1090.7	1100.7	-11.00	4.48
Far Eastern	275.70	291.60	+5.80	0.96
-do- Acc	362.70	383.60	+7.60	0.96
Fund of Inv	484.20	512.00	+5.60	2.27
-do- Acc	873.60	923.80	+10.10	2.27
General	51.80	54.80	+0.10	3.63
-do- Acc	136.40	144.40	+0.30	3.63
Gilt Fxd Int	62.20	62.20	...	7.83
do Acc	153.60	153.70	-0.20	7.83
Gold	41.50	43.90	-1.40	1.47
-do- Acc	48.50	51.30	-1.70	1.47
High Inc	23.90	25.30	+0.20	4.72
-do- Acc	88.50	93.80	+0.70	4.72
Intl Growth	66.30	70.30	+0.30	0.95
-do- Acc	114.30	121.30	+0.70	0.95

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Inc	89.90	95.10	+0.70	4.75
Japan Gen Acc	47.60	50.40	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	139.80	147.90	+5.30	...
Midland	51.00	53.90	-0.90	3.92
-do- Acc	161.40	170.50	+2.90	3.92
Recovery	34.70	36.80	-0.50	3.02
-do- Acc	54.80	57.80	-0.70	3.02
Second Gen	58.50	61.90	-0.10	3.69
-do- Acc	143.10	151.40	-0.30	3.69

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	132.40	141.60†	+0.10	2.10
-do- Acc	147.00	157.20†	+0.10	2.10
UK Income	109.60	117.20†	+0.30	2.80
-do- Acc	122.20	130.70†	+0.40	2.80

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	74.77	79.96	+1.15	0.64
Far East (Pacific)	130.90	135.90	+3.80	0.68
Income Growth	69.56	73.84	+0.39	4.28
European	65.79	69.84	-0.62	1.33
Nth American	56.46	59.93	+1.05	1.11
UK Growth	74.29	78.86	+0.13	1.39
Intl Growth	89.37	94.87†	+0.55	0.59
Charities	107.20	115.70	+0.50	4.10
Intl Income	66.28	70.35	+0.50	4.55
Japan	50.97	54.04†	+0.54	0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	184.60	195.90	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	197.30	209.40	+1.20	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	...	5.58
-do- Acc	120.70	120.70	...	5.58
European Gth	188.40	199.80	-0.80	0.80
-do- Acc	201.70	213.90	-0.90	0.80
General	445.40	475.10†	+3.00	2.55
-do- Acc	847.50	904.30†	+10.30	2.55
Global Dist	130.30	137.00†	...	3.20
-do- Acc	145.00	152.30†	...	3.20
Income	133.50	142.40†	+0.30	4.78
-do- Acc	195.30	208.40†	+0.40	4.78
International	372.30	396.90	-8.50	0.20
-do- Acc	493.80	526.30	-8.90	0.20
Japan	170.80	181.20	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	175.30	186.10	+2.80	...
New Europe	130.80	139.60	+1.40	1.86
-do- Acc	133.00	141.90	+1.30	1.86
Recovery	284.40	303.40	+2.10	2.96
-do- Acc	355.40	379.10	+2.60	2.96
European Inc	72.79	77.32	-0.12	3.15
-do- Acc	92.34	98.09	-0.15	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	70.15	74.72†	+0.79	3.37
-do- Acc	82.73	88.15†	+0.93	3.37
Portfolio	71.74	76.22†	+0.60	2.98
-do- Acc	81.57	86.66†	+0.70	2.98
Gold General	74.97	79.97	-7.14	1.17
-do- Acc	76.00	81.07	-7.24	1.17
Pacific	86.19	91.94	+2.81	0.91
-do- Acc	91.11	97.19	+2.98	0.91

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 528 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	55.99	59.58†	+0.13	3.34
-do- Acc	56.83	60.78	+0.13	3.34
British Dist	74.79	79.99	+0.03	2.44
-do- Acc	84.65	90.54	+0.02	2.44
European Gth	164.70	176.10	+1.20	0.16
-do- Acc	206.80	221.00	+1.50	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.49	71.11†	...	6.75
-do- Acc	117.00	125.10	...	6.75
FT-SE 100 Index	47.20	50.48	+0.17	2.97
-do- Acc	47.20	50.48	+0.17	2.97
Gilt Fixed Int	55.84	58.13	-0.32	7.08
-do- Acc	146.90	152.90	-0.90	7.08
High Yield	213.30	228.10	-0.20	5.14
-do- Acc	489.50	523.50	-0.40	5.14
Income	269.50	288.20	+0.70	3.87
-do- Acc	560.30	599.20	+1.60	3.87
Japan Gth	322.50	344.90	-5.40	...
-do- Acc	343.40	364.10	-5.50	...
Mandarin Acc	92.90	99.36	+1.23	1.64

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1CT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	248.80	265.10	-0.10	...
Deposit Inc	99.98	99.98	-0.07	5.07
Deposit Acc	121.92	121.92	-0.10	5.07
Euro Gth Acc	257.20	274.60	-4.60	...
Europa	116.90	125.50	-2.20	...
Intl Gth	163.10	174.40	-0.70	...
Japan Tracker	71.99	76.21	-0.95	...
UK Equity Inc	140.10	150.80†	-0.70	4.36
-do- Acc	171.70	184.80	-0.90	4.36
UK Ind Tracker	138.60	148.40	-0.80	3.27
US Eq Ind Trkr	196.30	197.50†	-0.20	1.48
-do- Acc	197.00	208.90†	-0.20	1.48
Asian Trader	145.85	158.40†	+6.40	0.49

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Inc	162.20	166.00	+0.50	2.35
European	59.36	60.67	+0.07	1.18
Olympiad	51.70	53.14	-0.25	0.46
Global Bond	47.54	48.06	+0.13	6.63
Smaller Cos	62.41	65.10	+0.20	1.30
Equity Income	90.13	92.63†	+0.46	4.95
UK Growth	80.32	82.66†	+0.58	1.68

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Billon Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.82	48.87	-0.12	0.82
Australian Acc	292.10	313.40	-3.20	...
Conscience	60.91	65	-0.17	1.09
-do- Acc	65.41	69.80	-0.18	1.09
European	163.70	174.60†	-0.70	1.11
-do- Acc	176.20	187.90	-0.70	1.11
Extra Income	71.05	75.80	+0.22	5.86
-do- Acc	107.50	114.70	+0.40	5.86
Far East Gth	153.20	163.70	+4.30	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.67	61.04	-0.59	6.49
Gold	32.23	34.65	-0.24	...
-do- Acc	34.71	37.32	-0.26	...
Income	50.69	54.06	+0.14	5.20
-do- Acc	152	162.10	+0.40	5.20
International	28.25	30.31	+0.08	1.12
-do- Acc	40.59	43.55	+0.12	1.12
Jap Sm Cos Acc	307.20	327.60	+7.08	...
S pore Mly Acc	158	169.40	-0.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.96	25.76	+0.17	1.96

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	66.42	70.66	+0.49	2.94
N&P Glt Fxd Int	74.74	79.09	-1.05	7.34
N&P Higher Inc	184.30	196.10	-1.50	5.07
N&P UK Income	98.91	105.23	+0.52	4.12
N&P Intl	84.39	89.78†	+0.33	1.97
N&P Smaller Cos	71.94	76.94†	-0.31	1.70

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	155.00	164.90†	-0.13	2.33
Global	265.91	282.80†	+1.39	1.14
Growth	101.84	108.35	+0.24	2.55
Income	193.34	205.69†	-0.40	4.40
Intl Bond	125.26	132.91†	+0.03	6.49

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Growth	134.90	141.90	+0.90	2.55
-do- Acc	233.50	245.70	+1.40	2.55
Income	210.40	223.80†	+0.20	3.61
Intl Equity	215.10	228.80	-0.10	0.97
-do- Acc	235.50	250.50	-0.10	0.97
Equity	211.40	224.80	+1.00	2.41
-do- Acc	428.50	455.80	+2.10	2.41
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.02	71.35	+0.21	1.95
UK Income	58.29	62.01	+0.08	3.09
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.77	73.16	-0.51	1.57
New Europe Acc	59.84	63.66	-0.11	1.40

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	85.44	91.39	+3.61	0.31
PEP Gth Inc	95.25	101.66	+0.53	1.39
Intl Gth	459.47	491.42	+7.16	0.75
Income	281.63	301.21†	+1.21	3.49
W wide Recov	286.10	305.90	+3.75	0.63
American Gth	196.01	209.64	+3.19	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	172.34	184.33	+3.39	0.25
Far East Gth	201.47	215.48	+2.82	0.01
European Gth	109.75	117.39	+1.82	1.16
UK Growth	72.59	77.64	+0.36	3.11
High Income	79.02	84.52	+0.24	4.52
Japanese Gth	202.06	214.97	-4.61	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
International	166.70	177.40†	-1.20	0.89
High Income	103.90	110.10†	-1.80	3.63
Conv Gilt	107.40	114.30	+0.60	6.44
Far East	286.40	304.60†	...	0.37

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	47.39	50.41	+0.05	0.58
Emerging Mkts	58.91	62.67	+0.26	0.63
General	46.23	49.18	-0.01	2.66
International	81.21	86.39†	+0.26	1.32
Gilt Units	26.30	27.11	-0.16	8.10
Global PEP	34.21	36.39†	+0.01	2.14
Income Gth	62.14	66.11	-0.30	5.32
European	41.81	44.48†	-0.05	1.10
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.32	26.94†	-0.06	6.18

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	29.97	32.05†	-0.13	1.69
Pru Cap Bldr Inc	101.57	101.57†	-0.09	5.32
-do- Acc	104.64	104.64†	-0.09	5.32
Pru Equity	833.37	879.54†	-0.46	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	77.81	83.21	-1.03	4.62
Pru European	166.25	179.96	-0.26	1.67
Pru Global Gth	76.73	82.08	+0.10	1.57
Pru High Inc	83.68	89.49†	-1.09	5.73
Pru Intl	155.73	166.55	+1.21	1.30
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.58	70.13†	+0.76	0.92
Pru Japanese	189.52	202.69†	-1.04	...
Pru Nth Amer	139.99	149.72	+1.79	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.43	75.32	-1.75	1.87
Pru Premr Inc	49.00	51.02†	-0.10	7.50
Pru Smllr Cos	79.67	85.20	-0.38	2.03
Pru Spec Sits	95.45	102.08	+0.02	2.27
Pru UK Growth	106.51	113.91†	+0.12	2.38

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2931/4

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
NC Income	150.57	162.00	+0.34	3.66
NC Japan	259.07	277.64	-1.41	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.54	98.44	+0.48	2.45
NC America Inc	464.38	498.12	+2.19	0.86
-do- Acc	539.37	578.57	+2.54	0.86
NC Smlr UK Cos	248.22	271.08†	+0.54	1.56
NC European	247.21	264.00	-0.60	1.33

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.51	76.07	-0.25	3.84
Capital Units	138.00	146.80	+0.60	1.43
Commodity	92.73	98.64	-1.76	1.32
European Gth	146.90	156.20	+1.60	1.40
Financial Sec	166.90	177.50	+2.20	1.90
High Return	206.70	219.80	+2.10	4.64
High Yield	198.50	211.10†	+0.60	3.82
Income Units	105.90	113.20	+2.00	4.86
Investment	166.30	176.90†	+2.40	1.13
Japan Gth	144.10	153.20	+3.40	...
Japan Smaller	175.70	186.90	+6.20	...
Masterfund	44.63	47.47	+0.93	0.95
Scotbits	242.50	257.90	+2.40	1.63
Scotshares	246.20	261.90	-1.60	2.69
Scotyields	215.40	229.10	+0.50	4.07
Select Intl	124.30	132.20†	+0.80	0.75
Smaller Cos	212.70	226.20†	-1.30	4.25
Special Situation	104.30	110.90	-0.20	0.76
UK Equity	217.20	231.00	+1.50	2.40
US Growth	134.50	143.00	-0.50	0.34

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	232.61	248.11	+4.43	0.56
-do- Acc	251.29	268.04	+4.79	0.56
Australian	131.42	140.18	+2.99	0.85
-do- Acc	154.50	164.80	+3.51	0.85
UK Enterprise	198.00	211.20†	-0.68	2.69
-do- Acc	228.73	243.98	-0.79	2.69
European Gth	59.15	63.09	-0.19	1.30
-do- Acc	61.25	65.31	-0.19	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	55.57	59.27†	-0.41	0.34
-do- Acc	55.95	59.67	-0.40	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	66.12	70.52	+1.45	...
-do- Acc	67.19	71.65	+1.47	...
Fixed Interest	51.59	54.40†	-0.27	8.70
-do- Acc	62.65	66.07	-1.11	8.70
Gilt Income	101.81	107.31†	-0.80	8.45
-do- Acc	142.19	149.87	-1.21	8.45
Income	299.34	312.89†	+0.71	4.15
-do- Acc	865.40	923.09	+2.10	4.15
Japan Enterprise	63.30	67.51†	-0.13	...
-do- Acc	63.30	67.51	-0.13	...
Japan Smllr Cos	419.05	446.98	+22.76	...
-do- Acc	419.69	447.87	+22.80	...
Pacific Gth	87.15	92.95	+3.35	0.46
-do- Acc	89.73	95.71	+3.45	0.46
Smaller Cos	179.70	191.68†	-1.04	1.06
-do- Acc	205.95	219.67	-1.19	1.06
Tokyo	99.96	106.62†	-1.02	...
-do- Acc	100.97	107.70	-1.03	...
UK Equity	198.18	211.39†	-0.10	2.29
-do- Acc	367.01	391.47	-0.19	2.29
US Smllr Cos	128.08	137.68	+2.08	...
-do- Acc	129.08	137.68	+2.08	...
World Fd	67.83	72.35	+0.01	1.69
-do- Acc	71.52	76.28	+0.01	1.69

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Income	42.48	45.34	+0.48	4.43
Equity Strategy	61.94	65.97	-0.16	1.80
European Opps	70.36	74.93	+0.37	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.38	101.05	+0.13	5.43
UK Smaller Cos	48.24	51.38	+0.31	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	334.10	357.20	+1.50	2.81
American	239.20	253.90	-0.30	0.89
Pacific	313.80	335.60	+0.90	0.70
European	443.90	474.80	-0.70	1.19
Worldwide	75.70	80.96	+0.36	1.27

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	295.00	313.90	+0.50	2.63
UK Sm Cos Eqty	190.20	202.40	+1.80	2.27
European	323.00	343.70†	-2.20	1.00
North American	244.10	259.70†	-3.30	0.50
Income Plus Inc	63.51	67.57†	+0.11	3.72
UK Spec Sits	64.51	68.63†	+0.34	2.44

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	24.61	26.34†	+0.10	2.92
Intl Growth Acc	27.90	29.65†	+0.15	1.30
Global Inc Acc	30.45	32.59	-0.11	3.85
Market Ldrs Acc	25.37	27.15	-0.05	2.90

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	79.16	84.66†	-0.33	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.13	46.94†	+0.14	...
-do- Acc	46.72	49.70	+0.15	...
Far East Opps	29.48	31.73	+0.46	...
-do- Acc	30.29	32.60	+0.47	...
General Growth	96.26	103.00	+0.30	2.05
Global Tech	108.90	117.70	-1.10	..
Income Growth	97.97	105.30	-0.90	3.55
Income Monthly	55.50	59.35	-0.34	4.70
Japan Growth	78.19	83.15	+1.02	...
Overseas Gth	73.92	78.76	-0.11	...
Smaller Cos	68.86	74.04†	-0.22	1.68
Special Opps	96.83	104.10	+0.30	2.21

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	194.34	...	...	...
Global Bond	195.01	...	...	7.50
Japan Sectoral	194.34	...	...	...
UK Growth	194.34	...	...	4.20

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	42.78	45.46	+0.20	1.80
Equity Gth Acc	57.00	60.57	-0.38	1.63
UK Eq General	40.91	43.47†	-0.23	2.43
-do- Acc	54.08	57.47	-0.30	2.43
European Acc	40.17	42.69	+0.21	1.15
Far East Acc	53.00	56.32	+0.53	0.20
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.13	31.87†	-0.03	6.64
N American Acc	42.08	44.72	-0.11	0.69
Gth Lgr Cos Acc	266.30	280.00	-0.30	1.49
UK Eq High Inc	33.84	35.96†	-0.07	4.09
-do- Acc	40.10	42.71	+0.10	4.09
UK Lgr Cos Inc	281.40	305.40†	+2.10	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	366.40	391.60	+3.20	3.85

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global A	N283.58	N283.79	+0.07	1.16
US Eq	$2.110	$2.242	+0.07	0.78
Far East Eq	Y242.1	Y257.1	+7.20	...
Japan Eq	Y241.9	Y257.0	+16.10	...
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	+0.60	2.15
FT North Am	$1.718	$1.821	+0.03	1.07
FT Japan	Y239.2	Y254.1	+3.80	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.812	$1.924	-119.2	1.76

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	333.70	354.50	+2.10	0.30
British	907.40	960.00	-1.40	4.40
European	379.20	402.90	+3.40	1.47
Japan	137.60	146.20	+1.20	...
New Pacific	281.50	299.80	-1.90	1.31
Mngd Cash	95.52	95.52	+0.08	4.95
Majority Stlg	99.68	100.68	+0.09	4.93
Inv Tst	179.30	190.10	+1.70	1.87
Saints PPF	366.90	386.20	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	706.90	756.00	+0.70	2.76
N America Acc	108.80	116.40	+0.40	0.11
Far East Acc	116.60	124.70	+2.20	...
W wide Bond	59.85	63.53†	-0.14	4.89
European	81.09	86.73	+0.82	0.24
Equity Income	79.96	85.52	+0.27	3.63

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.14	35.45	+0.26	0.64
Managed Assets	115.31	123.33	+0.22	3.35
UK Income	35.56	38.04	+0.32	3.04
UK Growth	35.05	37.49	+0.18	2.34
Worldwide Gth	30.06	32.15	-0.04	0.47

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	198.48	211.15	+1.48	0.01
-do- Acc	218.00	231.92	+1.63	0.01
British Gth	81.74	86.96†	-0.15	1.86
-do- Acc	96.18	102.32†	-0.18	1.86
European	91.49	97.33	+1.17	0.83
-do- Acc	96.50	102.66	+1.23	0.83
Extra Inc	179.30	190.74	-0.46	3.88
-do- Acc	286.02	304.28	-0.73	3.88
General Unit	252.14	268.24	+0.27	2.50
-do- Acc	497.53	529.29	+0.53	2.50
Income	309.30	329.04	-0.01	3.50
-do- Acc	629.99	670.20	+0.03	3.50
International	468.39	498.29†	+2.17	0.50
-do- Acc	613.13	652.27†	+3.77	0.50
Pacific	322.70	343.30	+4.91	...
-do- Acc	337.97	359.54	+5.15	...
Premier Income	50.89	53.01	-0.05	6.48
-do- Acc	104.52	108.87	-0.11	6.48

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European Opps	59.92	63.91	-0.03	0.46
-do- Acc	60.51	64.57	-0.03	0.46
Far East Opps	143.19	152.73†	+4.36	...
-do- Acc	146.52	156.28†	+4.46	...

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Australian Gold	13.56	14.42	+0.01	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.12	32.04	+0.82	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.81	38.09	-1.21	0.10
Global Bond	80.980	81.021	+0.02	7.26
Penny Share	21.01	22.35	-0.40	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.53	52.53	+0.03	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.43	68.13	-0.07	...
Gilt Income	52.21	54.53†	-0.11	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	106.80	108.20†	-0.40	3.90
US Govmt Bd	80.715	80.724	+0.00	...
Challenger	90.88	93.00	-0.74	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	65.67	69.88	-0.01	2.02

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	10,000	Carlton Cms	794	Land Secs	418	Scot Hydro	687
Abbey Natl	3,000	Coats Vly	2,300	Legal & Gn	649	Scot & New	673
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Cm Union	771	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Scot Power	3,000
Anglian W	1,100	Courtaulds	583	MB Cardn	598	Sears	5,300
Argyll Gp	1,800	De La Rue	70	Marks Spr	4,500	Svrn Trent	1,000
Arjo Wiggn	2,400	Eng China C	399	NFC	2,800	Shell Trans	5,800
AB Foods	972	Enterpr Oil	689	NatWst Bk	6,300	Siebe	642
BAA	1,200	Fisons	2,500	Nat Power	2,500	SmKl Bch	1,500
BAT Inds	2,000	Forte	4,600	Nth Wst W	690	Smith Nph	8,900
BOC	841	GRE	600	Nthn Fds	1,000	Sthn Elec	2,000
BP	3,300	GUS A	298	P & O	1,200	Std Chartd	410
BT	11,000	Gen Acc	492	Pearson	1,000	Sun Allnce	2,000
BTR	3,400	Gen Elec	2,900	PowerGen	3,000	TI Gp	326
Bk of Scot	1,900	Glaxo	2,800	Prudential	2,800	TSB	2,400
Barclays	3,800	Granada	1,000	RTZ	2,900	Tate & Lyle	505
Bass	1,000	Grand Met	2,400	Rank Org	1,500	Tesco	4,000
Blue Circle	3,200	Guinness	1,500	Reckitt Col	809	Thames W	1,000
Boots	4,300	HSBC	1,800	Redland	2,800	Thrn EMI	2,100
Bowater	865	Hanson	8,900	Reed Intl	894	Tomkins	3,500
Brit Airwys	2,500	ICI	1,600	Rentokil	393	Unilever	1,500
Brit Gas	3,900	Inchcape	1,600	Reuters	1,200	Utd Bisc	1,100
Brit Steel	16,000	Kingfisher	656	Rothmans	174	Vodafone	3,400
Burmah Cast	154	Kwik Save	546	Ryl Ins	1,000	Wellcome	1,500
Cable Wire	2,600	LASMO	3,300	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100	Whitbd 'A'	693
Cadbury	618	Ladbroke	5,800	Sainsbury	2,000	Wilms Hld	2,000

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3465.10 (+9.18)
S&P Composite 448.41 (+0.01)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20297.86 (-377.98)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6697.15 (-34.89)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 109.8 (+0.2)

Sydney: AO 1703.2 (-1.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1678.85 (+3.64)

FT 30 share: 2202.5 (-3.4)

Brussels:
General 6315.53 (+3.02)

Paris: CAC 536.55 (-5.26)

Zurich: SKA Gen 489.7 (-2.9)

London:
FT A All-Share 1386.07 (-6.01)
FT 500 1512.88 (-7.62)
FT Gold Mines 112.0 (+2.4)
FT Fixed Interest 112.78 (-0.08)
FT Govt Secs 96.35 (-0.56)
Bargains 32516
SEAQ Volume 586.7m
USM (Datastrm) 131.39 (+0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 16/4/93: Downiebrae, Hartstone, Ibstock Johnsen, Mirror Group, Ramco Oil, Tadpole.
Puts: London Investment Trust, Sturge, Taylor Nelson.
Put & Call: Downiebrae, Premier Cons.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2853.0	2860.0	2819.0	2834.0	8706
Previous open interest: 42260	Sep 93				2855.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.08	94.10	93.92	93.93	42685
Previous open interest: 292828	Sep 93	94.15	94.19	93.90	93.93	34451
	Dec 93	94.17	94.19	93.81	93.81	15736
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.77	96.77	96.76	96.77	278
Previous open interest: 17548	Sep 93	96.67	96.67	96.66	96.66	248
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.74	92.75	92.70	92.71	16496
Previous open interest: 495592	Sep 93	93.60	93.62	93.58	93.58	10845
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				112-15	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				111-07	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	106-16	106-16	105-08	105-12	54784
Previous open interest: 70439	Sep 93	104-19	104-19	104-18	104-17	24
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.60	108.70	108.50	108.53	1673
	Sep 93				107.88	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	96.30	96.44	96.19	96.28	53184
Previous open interest: 145461	Sep 93	96.59	96.59	96.50	96.55	177
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.81	91.82	91.78	91.79	975
Previous open interest: 18309	Sep 93	92.72	92.72	92.68	92.70	365
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.41	95.43	95.37	95.38	3328
Previous open interest: 33758	Sep 93	95.80	95.81	95.76	95.79	800
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.30	95.84	95.30	95.68	15967
Previous open interest: 47411	Sep 93	95.60	95.60	95.45	95.58	40

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.0 (day's range 80.0-80.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7636-2.7786	2.7663-2.7697	3/8-1/4ds	1-1 1/4ds
Brussels	50.30-50.87	50.70-50.81	8-12ds	24-30ds
Copenhagen	9.4450-9.5080	9.4470-9.4690	3 1/4-5ds	12 1/2-14 1/4ds
Dublin	1.0009-1.0122	1.0019-1.0040	28-22pr	66-56pr
Frankfurt	2.4573-2.4717	2.4644-2.4676	3/8-1/4ds	1 1/8-1 3/8ds
Lisbon	228.18-229.55	228.59-229.06	236-254ds	590-632ds
Madrid	177.61-178.55	178.15-178.33	102-120ds	319-340ds
Milan	2348.50-2369.90	2365.20-2369.90	10-11ds	29-32ds
Montreal	1.9173-1.9383	1.9192-1.9213	0.24-0.14pr	0.38-0.21pr
New York	1.5235-1.5385	1.5250-1.5260	0.37-0.36pr	1.06-1.04pr
Oslo	10.4200-10.4820	10.4310-10.4540	1 3/4-2 3/4ds	5 3/8-6 3/8ds
Paris	8.3140-8.3620	8.3380-8.3460	2 1/4-2 3/4ds	6 1/8-6 5/8ds
Stockholm	11.4490-11.5160	11.4750-11.4990	3 1/4-4 3/8ds	9 1/4-11ds
Tokyo	171.69-173.47	171.79-171.99	1/2-3/8pr	1 1/4-1 1/8pr
Vienna	17.16-17.37	17.32-17.37	2 1/4-3ds	5 3/8-7 1/4ds
Zurich	2.2458-2.2578	2.2475-2.2506	1/4pr-par	1/2-1/4pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5209-1.5235
Australia dollar	2.1284-2.1313
Bahrain dinar	0.5735-0.5855
Brazil cruzeiro *	43668.5-43697.5
Cyprus pound	0.728-0.738
Finland marka	8.2805-8.4045
Greece drachma	333.25-340.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7883-11.7975
India rupee	47.73-48.69
Kuwait dinar KD	0.459-0.469
Malaysia ringgit	3.9363-3.9404
Mexico peso	4.7-4.8
New Zealand dollar	2.8321-2.8377
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.702-5.828
Singapore dollar	2.4783-2.4814
S Africa rand (fin)	7.3651-7.7158
S Africa rand (com)	4.8605-4.8684
U A E dirham	5.5855-5.7095

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3956-1.3966
Austria	11.36-11.37
Belgium (Com)	33.27-33.28
Canada	1.2588-1.2593
Denmark	6.1950-6.2000
France	5.4570-5.4620
Germany	1.6145-1.6150
Hong Kong	7.7300-7.7310
Ireland	1.5108-1.5118
Italy	1545.0-1548.0
Japan	112.60-112.70
Malaysia	2.5810-2.5820
Netherlands	1.8148-1.8153
Norway	6.8437-6.8467
Portugal	149.95-150.05
Singapore	1.6250-1.6260
Spain	116.77-116.82
Sweden	7.5251-7.5301
Switzerland	1.4750-1.4760

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6 1/2
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 3/4 Low 4 1/2 Week fixed: 5 3/4
Treasury Bills (Dis) Buy: 2 mth 5 11/16; 3 mth 5 5/8. Sell: 2 mth 5 5/8; 3 mth: 5 9/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 7/8-5 11/16	5 25/32-5 11/16	5 11/16-5 5/8	5 5/8-5 1/2	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5 7/8	6 1/8-6	6 1/8-6	6 1/8-6	6 5/16-6 1/16
Interbank	6-5 7/8	6 1/8-6	6 1/8-6	6 1/8-6	6 5/16-6 1/16
Overnight: open 5 7/8, close 4 1/2.					
Local Authority Deps:	5 7/8	n/a	5 15/16	5 15/16	5 15/16
Sterling CDs:	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 31/32-5 7/8	5 31/32-5 7/8	5 29/32-5 7/8	6-5 7/8
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.09-3.06	3.18-3.15	3.36-3.33
Building Society CDs:	6-5 7/8	6 1/32-5 15/16	6 1/32-5 15/16	6 1/32-5 31/32	6 1/8-6

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £509m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.68% received: 66%; Last week: £98.67% received: n/a%; Avge rate: £5.2945% last wk £5.3346%; Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/8-2 7/8	3 1/8-2 7/8	3 1/8-3	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 1/4-2 3/4
Deutschemark:	8 1/4-8 1/8	8 1/4-8 1/8	7 15/16-7 13/16	7 5/8-7 1/2	8 1/2-7 1/2
French Franc:	9 1/4-9 1/8	9 1/4-9 1/8	9-8 7/8	8 3/4-8 1/2	10 1/2-9 1/2
Swiss Franc:	5 1/4-5 1/8	5 3/16-5 1/16	5 1/8-4 15/16	4 7/8-4 3/4	5 1/2-4 1/2
Yen:	3 1/4-3	3 3/16-3 1/16	3 1/4-3 1/8	3 1/4-3 1/8	3 1/2-2 1/2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $337.10-337.40 Close: $339.00-339.40 High: $339.00-339.40
Low: $336.65-337.15 Krugerrand: $339.00-341.00 (£221.00-223.00)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£50.00-52.50) New $80.00-83.00 (£50.00-52.50)
Platinum: $369.50 (£241.20) Silver: $3.93 (£2.575) Palladium: $112.75 (£73.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	550	27	40	46	35	43	48
(*552)	600	11	22	28	72	77	79
ASDA	67	7	9	-	5	9	-
(*66)	76	3½	6	-	12	15	-
Bass	550	34	48	55	22	29	40
(*561)	600	14	26	33	55	58	70
Boots	460	37	47	56	17	23	28
(*470½)	500	16	28	37	38	44	48
Br Airways	280	23	32	36	15	20	25
(*285)	300	14	23	27	26	30	36
BP	300	20	26	32	13½	19	23
(*305)	330	8½	14	19	33	37	40
Br Steel	90	11½	14	18	7	9	11
(*95½)	100	6	10	13	12	14	16
C & W	700	57	70	83	25	32	42
(*728½)	750	29	43	58	53	60	68
CU	580	62	67	-	11	21	-
(*621½)	629	31	42	-	30	43	-
Courtauld	550	35	48	58	27	37	43
(*558½)	600	14	28	36	60	65	73
GKN	420	50	57	-	8	17	-
(*455)	460	26	34	-	22	35	-
ICI	1200	66	82	105	58	85	92
(*1190)	1250	43	60	83	87	115	123
Kingfishr	584	32	45	-	30	39	-
(*586)	632	15	26	-	62	69	-
Land Sec	500	43	47	50	14	18	24
(*534)	550	12	21	27	44	45	51
M & S	330	30	37	42	9	14	16
(*349)	360	13	22	28	24	28	31
Sainsbury	460	34	47	56	23	28	33
(*471½)	500	16	29	38	46	51	55
Shell	550	49	58	64	7	15	19
(*593½)	600	20	28	37	28	38	42
Smkl Bch	390	48	57	67	15	23	27
(*413½)	420	31	41	51	28	36	41
Storehse	180	26	31	34	8	12	16
(*196½)	200	14	20	24	17	23	26
Trafalgar	74	14	17	-	5½	7½	-
(*83½)	83	8½	12	-	10	12	-
Unilever	1100	68	91	106	28	39	48
(*1118½)	1150	37	61	76	54	63	73
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	420	34	43	50	16	23	28
(*433½)	460	13	24	32	38	45	50
Ladbroke	160	24	30	34	8	15	20
(*171)	180	13	21	26	19	26	30
Utd Bsc	360	40	50	56	10	17	21
(*389)	390	29	32	40	21	31	37

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	40	50½	68½	7	37	35½
(*775½)	800	11	26½	43½	36	53½	62
BAT Ind	900	28	57	69	28	47	65
(*895)	950	10	35	48	64	80	98
BTR	600	21	37	45	10	20	31
(*607)	650	4	16	23	45	50	60
Br Aero	260	25	40½	51½	9	23½	33½
(*274)	280	14	30½	42½	20	34	44½
Br Telcm	420	7	19	26	14	26	30
(*410½)	460	1½	7	12	47	55	60
Cadbury	460	29	43	53	5½	14	22
(*479)	500	7½	22	32	25	33	41
Guinness	460	25	42	51	10	18	27
(*483½)	500	6½	19	31	33	41	49
GEC	300	25	30	34	2½	9½	13
(*320)	330	6	12	18	13	24	30
Hanson	220	17½	21	25	2	6½	10
(*234)	240	5	10½	15½	10	16	20
LASMO	140	11	19	25	7	13	18
(*133)	160	3½	10	17	21	25	30
Lucas	120	12	18	21	4½	8	13
(*129½)	130	8	12	15	8½	13	18
P & O	550	20	39	50	19	33	50
(*546½)	600	5	21	29	53	62	80
Pilkngtn	110	13	16	20	3	7	9
(*119½)	120	6½	10½	14	6½	12	15
Prudential	330	12	22	28	10	17	24
(*330)	360	2½	11	17	33	37	41
RTZ	650	21	42	55	20	32	44
(*647½)	700	5	21	34	55	65	75
Scot New	460	18	31	38	10	24	31
(*466½)	500	4	14	22	37	50	57
Tesco	240	3½	11	17	22	26	30
(*225)	260	2	5½	11	40	41	44
Thames W	550	5	11	18	40	57	63
(*514)	600	1½	3	8	89	102	103
Vodafone	360	25	36	47	6	17	25
(*378½)	390	9½	21	33	20	33	40

FT-SE INDEX (*2825½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Apr	140	90	40	½	½	½
May	147	100	67	38	19	10
Jun	162	120	87	61	38	25
Jul	178	140	109	81	59	41
Dec	256	-	193	-	139	-
Puts						
Apr	½	½	½	12	62	112
May	12	21	34	58	93	135
Jun	22	35	53	78	104	144
Jul	38	50	68	93	121	154
Dec	89	-	123	-	176	-

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	360	25	34	41	8½	17	22
(*371½)	390	10	19	28	26	33	38
Amstrad	30	6	8	9	2	3	4
(*33½)	35	3	5½	7	4½	5½	6½
Barclays	390	33	43	52	12	23	29
(*407½)	420	16	27	37	27	39	44
Blue Circ	220	20	29	34	8	14	19
(*240½)	240	11	19	25	18	24	30
Br Gas	280	33	34	37	3½	7½	12
(*307½)	300	15½	20½	25	10½	15	22
	330	3	9½	12½	32	35	40
Dixons	180	23	28	34	6	14	17
(*194½)	200	13	18	24	15½	24	28
Eurotnl	460	37	60½	70	32½	49	61½
(*460)	500	21	43	60½	59½	73½	84
Forte	180	18	23	28	8	12	17
(*194)	200	6	13	18	19	23	28
Glaxo	550	42	62	71	27	42	59
(*556)	600	21	40	51	58	71	88
	650	9½	25	35	100	107	122
HSBC	600	53	73	89	17	33	44
(*631)	650	27	48	64	42	57	69
Hillsdwn	140	15	18	24	7	11	13
(*152)	160	4½	11	15	18	22	26
Lonrho	80	9½	13	16	5	8½	10
(*83½)	90	4½	8½	12	11	14	16
Reuter	1300	46	82	115	57	82	103
(*1276½)	1350	28	61	94	90	115	132
R-Royce	120	11	17	20	7½	10½	15
(*123)	130	7½	12	16	13	15½	20
Sears	100	7	9	13	6	9½	11
(*101½)	110	3	5½	8	14	16	18
Thrn Emi	850	42½	58	72	21	46	54½
(*872½)	900	18	34½	49½	48½	75	85
TSB	160	23	27	31	3½	8	10
(*178)	180	11	16	21	11	17	20
Vaal Reefs	45	5	6½	8	4	6½	7½
(*$44)	50	2½	5	6	7	9½	10
Wellcome	700	60	85	113	27	45	61
(*724½)	750	34	62	88	54	69	85
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	17	24	27	17	23	25
(*164)	180	8½	17	20	31	35	38
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastrn Elc	460	22	33	40	8½	25	30
(*467)	500	5	14½	22	34	52	56
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	330	23	32	42	8½	15	19
(*341½)	360	9½	19	27	25	30	33
Scot Pwr	310	16	20	26	7½	16½	20
(*315)	330	6½	11	17	20	28	31

April 16, 1993 Tot: 25149 Call: 14584 Put: 10565 FT-SE Call: 5762 Put: 4420
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa remained in a tight range in London, despite a weaker pound and a 21.3 pct increase in the US first quarter 1993 cocoa grind. The main feature was the reallocation of trades following the wholesale move of a trading team from one trade house to another. Coffee was also stagnant, but does appear to be forming a base for an up-move in the near future.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	693-692	Jul	783-780
Jul	705-704	Sep	797-795
Sep	717-716	Dec	820-818
Dec	736-735	Mar	851-835
Mar	756-754		
May	770-768	Volume:	4009

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	900-898	Jan	889-884
Jul	880-878	Mar	898 SLR
Sep	874-872	May	908 SLR
Nov	880-878	Volume:	4529

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
May		May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct		Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	274.5-72.1
Spot: 286.0		May	277.5-74.1
Aug	290.0-88.6	Aug	282.0-77.6
Oct	274.5-74.0	Oct	275.0-62.6
Dec	274.4-72.0	Volume:	562

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.74	142.14	136.31
(+/-)	+87.74	+16.82	+0.73
Eng/Wales:	87.74	142.56	135.77
(+/-)	+87.74	-7.13	+3.23
(%)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scotland:	n/a	136.21	137.83
(+/-)	n/a	+11.31	-0.40
(%)	n/a	-36.9	+11.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Avg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	113.0	115.0	Oct	104.0	104.5
Jun	110.0	111.0	Volume:		31

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	144.25
Jun	145.25
Sep	107.55
Nov	109.45
Jan	112.50
Volume:	390

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	140.00
Sep	106.55
Nov	109.00
Jan	111.65
Mar	113.15
Volume:	26

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	138.00
Jun	140.00
Aug	141.00
Oct	145.00
Dec	unq
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	40.0	42.5
Apr	94.6	96.0
May	100.0	100.0
Volume:		93

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
May 59.00-59.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The overhang of prompt crude continued to depress the forward market.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	-0.15
Brent 15 day (May)	18.70	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.85	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.15	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.40	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	207 (n/c)	209 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	183 (+2)	184 (+2)
Non EEC 1H May	180 (n/c)	181 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jun	176 (n/c)	177 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	77 (+1)
Naphtha	179 (+1)	180 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

May	176.75-77.00	Aug	175.25-75.50
Jun	174.00-74.25	Sep	177.25-77.75
Jul	174.00-74.25	Oct	179.75-80.50
		Vol:	7132

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.84-18.86	Sep	18.96-19.01
Jul	18.83-18.85	Oct	18.99-19.02
Aug	18.87-18.92	Vol:	11865

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	204.00-05.00	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	204.00-08.00	Sep	217.00 SLR
Jul	204.50-11.00	Vol:	119

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1515	1510	1513
May 93	1480	1475	1476
Jun 93	1371	1370	1371
Jul 93	1275	1270	1272

Vol: 256 lots. Open int'st: 3086 Index 1488 +10

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1210.5-1211.0	1233.0-1233.5	1337475
Lead (£/tonne)	272.25-272.50	282.50-282.75	65575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1010.5-1011.0	1029.0-1029.5	259300
Tin ($/tonne)	5580.0-5585.0	5635.0-5640.0	9825
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1110.0-1110.5	1131.5-1132.0	594675
Nickel ($/tonne)	5825.0-5826.0	5895.0-5896.0	76146

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Marshall takes honours in domestic duel

By Colin McQuillan

PETER Marshall and Philip Whitlock gave a demonstration of improving domestic standards at the Hi-Tec British Open squash championship at Wembley yesterday.

Marshall, the double handed 21-year-old from Nottingham who won the British professionals' tournament organised by those who refused to play in the unsponsored English championships, defeated Whitlock 7-9, 9-6, 9-2, 10-8 in an 85-minute second-round match.

But he was fortunate to escape a fifth game against the 31-year-old Manchester-based English champion, who led 5-2 in the fourth game and was shut out of the tie-break only by the hardest of no-let calls from the referee, John Robinson.

"That is the best Phil has played against me," Marshall said. "I have always beaten him 3-0 in the past, but I was nervous at the start here and he surprised me challenging so hard for the fourth."

Neither player would acknowledge a hangover from the boycott, but Whitlock's calm determination was extraordinary. "That is all in the past," Whitlock said.

After taking the English title, Whitlock won the Canadian Open to become the first English winner on the world circuit for more than eight years. Marshall followed up a month later with the Portuguese Open title.

"I was sure I could do better against Peter on a perspex court, where his distribution is not so precise as on conventional, plaster courts," Whitlock said. "I attacked hard to avoid chasing his shots around."

When Marshall slowed in the fourth game, Whitlock forged ahead with a five-rally assault of fine percentage shots on either hand. "But then I got a bit tired myself."

It was an absorbing contest of traditional English tactics, albeit played on one side with unique two-fisted application, on a show court featuring, for the first time, green and blue walls above a terra-cotta floor.

Marshall faces Chris Dittmar, of Australia, the No. 2 seed, in the quarter-final, knowing that a better appreciation of international tactics would have given him his first victory the last time they met, in Cardiff in February.

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Desire that risks burning out

SIMON BARNES
at the world gymnastics championships

It is hard to feel easy with women's gymnastics. Shannon Miller is one of the hottest properties in the game: aged 16, 4ft 7in and 5st 4lb. How does one comes to terms with a 16-year-old girl who has a woman's face, immaculately painted like the sexiest model on the catwalk and a body that bears not a suspicion of womanhood?

There is a tendency for the world to feel outraged by all cases of teenage burn-out in sport, but this is particularly, and perhaps patronisingly so with women — most especially with women's gymnastics.

Tennis arouses the world's protective instincts: how could they do this to these young girls? The burnt-out cases of Andrea Jaeger and Tracey Austin are well known. The oscillating career of Jennifer Capriati encourages many to wonder if subjecting girls so young to such pressures is not a form of cruelty.

But this counts double with gymnastics. The weird rules and conventions of this weird sport demand an extraodinary physical type — tiny, hipless, bosomless and relentlessly young. Svetlana Boguinskaya, the last woman in women's gymnastics, was thought ridiculously, even courageously, old when she competed at the Olympic Games last year at the age of 19. But she has not made it to Birmingham, alas.

The apparent physical frailty of these children inevitably adds to the world's concern: you can say what you like about Capriati, but she does not look phsyically frail. There is also a shake or two of xenophobia to season the broth: so many of the top female gymnasts have been products of the Eastern block system of ruthless excellence — if a child shows potential, she is whisked away from her parents and force-fed gymnastics till she either wins an Olympic gold medal or blows up. Surely that is a dreadful thing to do to a child?

"I would have given *anything* to be sent to Siberia at the age of eight to do gymnstics all day," Sarah Baldwin, editor of *Gym Stars* magazine, said. "The girls we saw on the television, they were everything I wanted to be."

Perhaps we leave the desires of the competitors themselves out of the equation, assuming, impertinently, they have no will of their own: "People look at Shannon Miller and they think she is thought-programmed," Steve Nunno, her coach, said. "She *is* programmed — but she programmes herself."

With the political collapse of the Eastern block, the system that produced that endless stream of female gymnastics stars has similarly collapsed. America is increasingly seen as the new powerhouse. America, where the most-watched Olympic sport of all is women's gymnastics.

Miller is at the top of a top sport in the United States and that can mean very serious money indeed. She may burn out next year, but, she has known glory and stashed some dollars. Are those things not worth working for? At any age? The point is that Miller, chill and composed in competition, is clearly an exceptional person. Nunno said how normal she is: she is at school and "majoring" in five subjects. She lives with her parents. But to concentrate on her "normality" is to miss the point.

She trains six or seven hours a day: "She is very, very focused, whether she is studying, learning a new skill or having fun," Nunno said. I glanced at Miller sitting beside him. Not a glint of an answering smile at the thought of "fun".

She is a slightly spooky character, but then a lot of top athletes are slightly spooky. They are turned in on their own performances. Miller clearly lives a very intense and very unusual life, but then she is clearly a very intense and very unusual person.

"My parents took me to the gym when I was five because I was wrecking the furniture," she said. She allowed a kid's grin at that one.

Most children wreck the furniture: most lack the urge, the concentration, the desire and, above all, the vehicle that will allow them to stand in the spotlight of the world's attention. Why should the children that possess such gifts be denied their expression?

"She is a pure and honest person and I know her inside and out," Nunno said, somewhat ambiguously. I wish Freud had known this odd area of human endeavour — though, come to think of it, he did. "She is tough and very very hard on herself — and that is her only weakness." "Yeah," Miller said. Or to put it another way — what's so fabulous about a normal childhood anyway?

RESULTS FROM BIRMINGHAM

MEN: All-round final standings: 1, V Scherbo (Belarus), 58.174pts; 2, S Charkov (Rus), 55.625; 3, A Wacker (Ger), 55.450; 4, I Ivankov (Belarus), 55.425; 5, D Karbanenko (Rus), 55.275; 6 equal, V Lutkh (Kazakhstan) and V Belenki (unattached), 55.225; 8, I Korobchinski (Ukr), 55.100; 9, S Keswick (US), 54.975; 10, Y Chechi (It), 54.737; 11, C Fajkusz (Hun), 54.350; 12, G Misutin (Ukr), 54.250; 13 equal, Huang Huadong (China) and Z Supola (Hun), 54.175; 15, M Gherman (Rom), 54.100; 16, H Tanaka (Japan), 54.050; 17, P Bucci (Italy), 53.925; 18, J Jovtechev (Bul), 53.650; 19, A Ciuca (Rom), 53.575; 20, I Ivanov (Bul), 53.400; 21, D Giubellini (Switz), 53.175; 22, D Rybalko (Kazakhstan), 52.575; 23, P Nikiferow (Ger), 52.075; 24, Pae Gil Su (N Kor), 51.562.

Ups and downs of life: Miller somersaults on the beam during the world championships in Birmingham yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

SHORT BRIEF

Grimley rallies to Cheshire's cause

MARTYN Grimley, an Olympic gold medal-winner in 1988, joins forces with Robert Crutchley, of Hounslow, in the Cheshire team for the Norwich Union county championship quarter-final against Durham at Cannock today.

Sutton Coldfield can qualify for the European Cup Winners' Cup if they beat Leicester in the AEWHA Cup semi-final tomorrow. If Sutton meet Ipswich in the final, their ticket to Europe will be guaranteed because, as league champions, Ipswich have already qualified. John Shaw, of Southgate, will lead England in a four nations centenary tournament in Dublin in January.

ENGLAND SQUAD: D Luckes (East Grinstead), J Lewis (Havant); Amarjit Dagun (Barford Tigers), J Helle (Old Loughtonians), S Nicklin (Slough), D Williams (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate, captain), J Lee (East Grinstead), P McGuire (Teddington), Kabir Takher (Cannock), C Mayer (Cannock), J Wyatt (Reading), R Welch (Southgate), A Humphrey (Welton), R Hill (Firebrands), R Garcia (Havant).

Durham lodge appeal

ICE HOCKEY: Durham Wasps have lodged an appeal against the referee's decision to abandon their Heineken League promotion/relegation play-off with Romford Raiders after they had earned so many penalties they could not field the minimum legal line-up. Romford led 8-3 when the game was called off with 2½ minutes to go. In the other play-off, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates defeated Sheffield Steelers 8-5. Cardiff Devils, Murrayfield Racers and Nottingham Panthers have qualified for the semi-finals of the Heineken Championship. Humberside Seahawks, after a surprise 7-5 away win over Whitley Warriors, are favourites to secure the fourth place.

Essex track approved

CYCLING: British track riders, already heartened by the prospect of the country's first indoor velodrome being finished late this year or early in 1994, were given another boost yesterday when Harlow Council gave full planning consent for a £4.5 million covered track to be built two miles from the centre of the Essex new town (Peter Bryan writes). The track will be a replica of the 250-metre bowl being built in support of Manchester's Olympic 2000 bid. The prime mover of the project, the international cycling judge, Willi Tarran, believes it will take up to 18 months to complete. The track would complement Manchester's and not hold opposing meetings, Tarran said.

Davison's big chance

BOXING: John Davison has an excellent chance of becoming world featherweight champion when he boxes for the vacant World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title at Washington, Tyne and Wear, tonight (Srikumar Sen writes). Davison, 34, will meet a last-minute replacement in Steve Robinson, of Cardiff. He should have challenged Rubén Palacio but the Colombian had to give up his title when he tested positive for HIV in a British Boxing Board of Control medical. Colin McMillan, of Britain, has been told there was no chance he contracted HIV from his bloody world title bout with Palacio last September because the Colombian tested negative at that time. Aids in Sport, page 3

Leng heads strong field

EQUESTRIANISM: Virginia Leng, the former world three-day event champion, and Mark Todd, of New Zealand, twice Olympic champion, head a formidable field for the Pedigree Chum Belton Park horse trials in Lincolnshire this weekend. The event, one of the most important before Badminton, has four advanced sections on Sunday. Leng rides Welton Houdini, her Badminton entry, on which she has been placed on each of her three outings this season. Todd, the winner at Belton in 1991, rides Kilcullen Bay and Down Under. Todd's compatriot, Blyth Tate, the world champion, who is also competing at Badminton, rides Tempo, Ricochet and Delta.

Rocca leads in Rome

GOLF: Costantino Rocca, of Italy, who captured his first European title in the Lyons Open a fortnight ago, moved towards a second successive Tour victory yesterday when, in the Rome Masters at Castelgandolfo, he recorded a second-round 68 for an eight-under-par total of 136. It gave him a one-stroke lead over Jamie Spence, of England, who added a 70 to his opening 67.

Peter Oosterhuis's European comeback, at 44, fizzled out. A 74, two shots better than his first round, left him three strokes outside the cut. "I enjoyed the experience and hope to get an extended oppprtunity to play more events in Europe," he said.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

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FOOTBALL

FA Premier League

Leeds v Crystal Palace
Liverpool v Coventry
Man United v Chelsea (all ticket)
Sheffield United v Blackburn
Southampton v Everton
Tottenham v Oldham
Wimbledon v Nottm Forest

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	38	20	12	6	57	29	72
Aston Villa	38	20	11	7	53	33	71
Norwich	39	20	9	10	56	39	69
Blackburn	37	16	11	10	58	41	59
QPR	38	15	10	13	57	52	55
Sheff Wed	36	14	12	10	49	45	54
Chelsea	39	13	14	12	47	46	53
Man City	37	14	10	13	51	42	52
Tottenham	36	14	10	12	49	52	52
Coventry	39	13	12	14	48	48	51
Arsenal	36	14	8	14	35	33	50
Liverpool	37	13	11	13	48	49	50
Wimbledon	38	13	10	15	52	51	49
Southampton	39	13	10	16	51	56	49
Everton	38	13	9	16	48	51	48
Leeds	37	12	11	14	52	55	47
Ipswich	39	10	16	13	44	50	46
Crystal Palace	37	10	14	13	45	55	44
Sheff United	37	11	9	17	44	47	42
Oldham	38	10	10	18	54	65	40
Nottm Forest	38	10	8	19	39	58	38
Middlesbrough	39	9	10	20	45	70	37

Barclays League

First division

Barnsley v Southend
Bristol Rovers v Cambridge
Derby v Grimsby
Millwall v Newcastle (all ticket)
Notts County v Portsmouth
Oxford United v Charlton
Peterborough v Bristol City
Sunderland v Luton
Swindon v Leicester (all ticket)
Watford v Birmingham
West Ham v Brentford
Wolverhampton v Tranmere

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	41	24	9	8	78	35	81
Portsmouth	42	23	10	9	74	41	79
West Ham	42	22	10	10	70	39	76
Swindon	42	21	11	10	71	53	74
Leicester	41	21	8	12	65	52	71
Tranmere	41	20	8	13	65	53	68
Millwall	42	17	15	9	62	45	67
Grimsby	42	19	7	16	56	50	64
Wolves	42	15	13	14	54	49	58
Peterborough	41	15	11	15	49	59	56
Derby	40	16	7	17	60	53	55
Charlton	42	14	13	15	46	43	55
Barnsley	42	15	9	18	51	55	54
Watford	42	13	13	17	54	68	49
Bristol City	41	13	10	18	44	55	49
Luton	42	10	18	14	44	57	48
Notts County	41	11	14	16	50	64	47
Southend	41	11	13	17	48	53	46
Brentford	42	12	10	20	48	61	46
Oxford	40	11	13	16	47	51	46
Birmingham	42	12	10	20	46	68	46
Sunderland	41	12	10	19	42	55	46
Cambridge	42	10	14	18	44	65	44
Bristol Rovers	42	9	9	24	47	81	36

Second division

Bradford v Bolton
Burnley v Exeter
Chester v Huddersfield
Fulham v Blackpool
Hull v Bournemouth
Mansfield v West Brom
Plymouth v Brighton
Preston v Leyton Orient
Stoke v Hartlepool
Swansea v Rotherham
Wigan v Port Vale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	41	25	11	5	70	31	86
Port Vale	41	22	10	9	66	41	76
Bolton	40	22	9	9	66	37	75
West Brom	41	21	9	11	74	51	72
Stockport	41	18	13	10	76	51	67
Brighton	42	19	9	14	57	50	66
L Orient	42	18	9	15	60	47	63
Reading	41	17	12	12	59	43	63
Bradford	42	16	14	12	62	60	62
Rotherham	42	15	14	13	55	54	59
Swansea	39	15	13	11	53	43	58
Burnley	42	14	14	14	51	51	56
Fulham	42	13	16	13	48	52	55
Plymouth	41	14	11	16	52	58	53
Huddersfield	41	13	9	19	45	56	48
Bournemouth	41	11	15	15	41	47	48
Preston	41	13	8	20	63	81	47
Blackpool	42	11	14	17	57	68	47
Exeter	41	11	14	16	50	62	47
Hull	41	12	11	18	41	59	47
Hartlepool	42	11	12	19	37	57	45
Mansfield	41	10	10	21	46	70	40
Wigan	41	10	10	21	41	59	40
Chester	42	8	5	29	45	89	29

Third division

Bury v Halifax
Carlisle v Hereford
Doncaster v Chesterfield
Lincoln v Rochdale
Scunthorpe v Darlington
Shrewsbury v Torquay
Walsall v Crewe
Wrexham v Cardiff (all ticket)
York v Scarborough

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	38	22	9	7	63	41	75
Cardiff	39	22	8	9	70	46	74
York	40	20	12	8	71	44	72
Wrexham	38	20	11	7	68	46	71
Bury	38	17	9	12	59	49	60
Walsall	37	17	7	13	64	60	58
Crewe	36	17	7	12	61	57	58
Shrewsbury	37	16	10	11	50	43	58
Lincoln	38	15	8	13	50	47	53
Chesterfield	38	15	10	13	55	54	55
Scunthorpe	37	13	12	12	54	48	51
Scarborough	37	14	8	15	60	63	50
Colchester	38	15	5	18	57	64	50
Rochdale	38	11	9	18	49	59	42
Carlisle	38	9	14	15	41	50	41
Darlington	38	9	13	16	46	58	40
Hereford	38	9	13	16	36	51	40
Doncaster	39	8	13	18	45	59	37
Gillingham	38	10	7	21	43	66	37
Northampton	38	8	9	21	43	60	33
Halifax	37	9	6	22	40	64	33
Torquay							

GM Vauxhall Conference

Dagenham R v Bath
Gateshead v Merthyr
Kidderminster v Telford
Macclesfield v Bromsgrove
Runcorn v Witton
Stafford v Northwich
Stalybridge v Kettering
Welling v Famborough
Wycombe v Altrincham
Yeovil v Slough

Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen v Hearts
Dundee Utd v Airdrie
Falkirk v St Johnstone
Hibernian v Celtic
Motherwell v Dundee
Rangers v Partick

First division

Clydebank v Meadowbank
Cowdenbeath v Ayr
Dumbarton v Hamilton
Dunfermline v St Mirren
Kilmarnock v Stirling
Morton v Raith

Second division

Clyde v Albion
Forfar v Berwick
Montrose v Arbroath
Queen Of South v East Fife
Queen's Park v Brechin
Stenhousemuir v East Stirling
Stranraer v Alloa

Diadora League

Premier division

*Stevenage Borough v Basingstoke.
*Sutton v Grays
*Woldingham v Hayes
*Yeading v Windsor and Eton

Bognor v Enfield; Dulwich v Aylesbury; Hendon v Kingstonian; St Albans v Marlow; Staines v Harrow.

*pools matches

First division: Croydon v Chalfont St Peter; Heybridge Swifts v Lewes; Hitchin v Bishop Stortford; Leyton v Barking; Maidenhead v Billericay; Uxbridge v Tooting and Mitcham; Wokon and Hersham v Wembley; Weymouth v Molesey. Second division: Chertsey v Rainham; Edgware v Berkhamsted; Hampton v Barton Rovers; Hereford v Banstead; Hemel Hempstead v Ruislip Manor; Leatherhead v Hungerford; Metropolitan Police v Southall; Newbury v Saffron Walden; Tilbury v Egham; Ware v Malden Vale; Witham v Worthing. Third division: Camberley v Leighton; East Thurrock v Feltham and Hounslow B; Epsom and Ewell v Aldershot; Hertford v Cove; Hornchurch v Blackwell Heath; Kingsbury v Horsham; Petersfield v Royston; Thame v Collier Row; Tring v Bracknell.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Barrow; Buxton v Accrington Stanley; Colwyn Bay v Chorley; Droylsden v Leek; Emley v Southport; Frickley v Morecambe; Matlock v Goole; Whitley Bay v Horwich; Winsford v Marine. First division: Caernarfon v Bridlington; Congleton v Netherfield; Gretna v Ashton; Guiseley v Worksop; Knowsley v Workington; Radcliffe Borough v Eastwood; Rossendale v Harrogate; Shepshed Albion v Farsley Celtic.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans v Billingham Synthonia; Durham v Peterlee Newtown; Easington Colliery v Stockton; Ferryhill v Murton; Guisborough v Seaham Red Star; Hebburn v Tow Law; Newcastle Blue Star v South Bank; West Auckland v Consett.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool v Kidsgrove; Burscough v Newcastle; Chadderton v Bacup Borough; Clitheroe v Blackpool Mechanics; Darwen v Glossop North End; Eastwood Hanley v Bradford Park Avenue; Fibdon v Salford City; Nantwich v Penrith; Prescot v Atherton LR; St Helens v Maine Road (Man); Skelmersdale v Bamber Bridge.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield v Armthorpe Welfare; Belper v Spennymoor; Brigg v Pontefract Col; Glasshoughton Wel v Winterton Rangers; Liversedge v Ossett Town; Maltby MW v Eccleshill; North Ferriby v Harrogate Rail; Ossett Albion v Stocksbridge PS; Thackley v Pickering.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Trowbridge; Corby v Weymouth; Crawley v Atherstone; Dorchester v Hednesford; Dover v Cheltenham; Gloucester v Chelmsford; Halesowen v Hastings; V S Rugby v Moor Green; Waterlooville v Burton; Worcester v Bashley. Midland division: Bedworth v King's Lynn; Dudley v Yate; Forest Green v Redditch; Grantham v Stourbridge; Hinckley v Bridgnorth; Leicester v Evesham; Nuneaton Borough v Barri; RC Warwick v Gresley; Rushden and Diamonds v Sutton Coldfield; Tamworth v Bilston; Weston-Super-Mare v Newport AFC. Southern division: Andover v Burnham; Baldock v Newport IoW; Buckingham v Margate; Canterbury v Salisbury; Erith and Belvedere v Bury; Fareham v Wealdstone; Fisher v Witney; Havant v Ashford; Sittingbourne v Braintree; Sudbury v Poole.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightlingsea v Lowestoft; Chatteris v Felixstowe; Gorleston v Wisbech; Halstead v Brantham; Harwich and Parkeston v Great Yarmouth; Haverhill v Norwich; Histon v Stowmarket; March v Consard; Newmarket v Fakenham; Tiptree v Diss.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Dawlish; Clevedon v Tiverton; Elmore v Westbury; Liskeard v Minehead; Paulton v Bideford; Taunton v Torrington; Torquay v Saltash.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Southampton; Brighton v Wimbledon; Portsmouth v Bristol C.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge v Norwich; Charlton v Southend; Chelsea v Tottenham; Fulham v Arsenal; QPR v Leyton Orient; Watford v Gillingham. Second division: Bournemouth v Swindon; Brighton v Bristol Rovers; Crystal Palace v Colchester.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Coleraine; Bangor v Cliftonville; Crusaders v Ards; Distillery v Portadown; Glenavon v Ballyclare; Glentoran v Linfield; Larne v Carrick; Newry v Omagh.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry v Holywell; Caerswe v Llanelli; Connah's Quay v Abergavenny; Conwy v Aberystwyth; Cwmbran v Llanidloes; Ebbw Vale v Mold; Flint v Afan Lido; Maesteg Park v Bangor; New Town v Haverfordwest; Porthmadog v Inter Cardiff.

OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Nottsborough v Old Owens; Old Basilonians v Wilsn; Old Fairoplans v Old Finchleians; Southgate County v Parkfield. Second division: City Of London v Academicals; Ealing Association v Albanian; Hadley v Wandsworth Borough; Hampstead Heathens v Duncombe Sports; Polygons v Old Monovians. Third division: Brent v BBC; Corinthian Casuals v Pegasus; Ulysses v Electrosport. Fourth division: Centymca v Honourable Artillery Co; Inland Revenue v Tansley; Mayfield v London Welsh.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ignatians v Aloysians; Enfield v Meadonians; Glyn v Danes; Cardinal Manning v Wilsonians.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Crouch End Vampires v Carshalton; Midland Bank v Old Esthamelans; Old Bromleians v Norsemen; Old Parkonians v South Bank Poly.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorleiekans v Bradfieldians; Roptonians v Lancing. First division: Ardleians v Harrovians; Brentwoods v Aldenhamians; Hailleyburians v Foresters.

AFA SENIOR CUP FINAL: Old Hamptonians v National Westminster Bank.

RUGBY UNION

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ADT County Championship

Final

Lancashire v Yorkshire (at Twickenham)

Under-21 County Championship final

Buckinghamshire v Warwickshire (at Twickenham, 12.30)

World Cup Sevens

(at Murrayfield, 10.0)

Heineken League

First division

Aberavon v Swansea (2.30)
Cardiff v Newport (2.30)
Newbridge v Bridgend (2.30)
South Wales Police v Neath (2.30)

Second division

Blaina v Tenby United (2.30)
Dunvant v Glamorgan W (2.30)
Llanharan v Aberbillery (2.30)
Penarth v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Tredegar v Cross Keys (2.30)

Club matches

Askeans v Lichfield
Bath v Gloucester
Bedford v Sheffield
Broughton Park v West of Scotland
Clifton v Blackheath
Coventry v Maesteg
Leicester v Sale
London Irish v Morley
London Scottish v Saracens
Met Police v Richmond
Newcastle Gosforth v Vale Of Lune
Northampton v Wakefield 2.30
Orrell v Moseley
Otley v Durham
Preston Grasshoppers v Northern
Rosslyn Park v Harlequins
Walsall v Weston-super-Mare
Waterloo v Pontypool

HOCKEY: Norwich Union County championship (Cannock): Quarter-finals: Staffordshire v Hampshire (10.0); Cheshire v Durham (12.0); Cambridgeshire v Yorkshire (2.0); Middlesex v Essex (4.0). Under-21: Semi-finals: Nottinghamshire v Essex (1.0), Dorset v Hampshire (3.0). Women's Home Countries championship (Cardiff).

ICE HOCKEY: Heineken championships: Billingham v Fife; Blackmill v Humberside; Cardiff v Whitley; Nottingham v Murrayfield.

MOTOR RALLYING: Pirelli International Rally (Carlisle).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championships (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SQUASH: Hi-Tec British Open championships (Wembley).

TENNIS: Reebok Tour final (Westside).

Football

FA Premier League

Aston Villa v Manchester City (2.30)..

GM Vauxhall Conference

Gateshead v Wycombe (2.30)

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Semi-finals: Dundalk v St Patrick's (3.30); Shelbourne v Derry (3.30).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash v Mangotsfield.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Cup: Semi-finals: Wimbledon v Arsenal (11.0); Knowsley v Leesowe Pacific (2.30). Premier Division: Bronte v Doncaster Belles (2.0); Millwall Lionesses v Red Star Southampton (2.0). First division north: Nottingham Argyle v Cowgate Kestrels; Wolverhampton v Sunderland. First division south: Bristol Blackwell v Oxford; District Line v Hemel Hempstead; Epsom and Ewell v Brighton and Hove Albion, Hassocks v Town and County

Rugby League

Stones Bitter Championship

Hull K R v Halifax (3.15)
Leeds v Bradford
Wakefield v Sheffield (3.30)
Warrington v Salford
Widnes v Leigh

Second division

Featherstone v Bramley (3.30)
London Crusaders v Oldham
Rochdale v Carlisle
Swinton v Huddersfield

Third division premiership

First round

Dewsbury v Batley (3.30)
Keighley v Hunslet (3.15)
Ryedale-York v Whitehaven (6.30)
Workington v Doncaster

Cricket

Second day of three

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Yorkshire (11.30).

Rugby Union

World Cup Sevens (Murrayfield, 10.0. Final at 4.15)

Rugby League

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Lancashire (11.30).

Basketball

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Play-offs: Semi-finals: Men: Second division: Brixton Topcats v Crystal Palace; Doncaster Panthers v Ware Rebels. Women: First division: Sheffield Hatters v Nottingham Wildcats; Northampton v Rhondda.

Other sport

GYMNASTICS: World championships (NEC, Birmingham).

HOCKEY: Men: Norwich Union county championship: Semi-finals (Cannock 10.0). Finals: Under-21 (2.0). Seniors: (4.0). Women: AEWHA Cup: Semi-finals: Ipswich v Ealing (1.30); Leicester v Sutton Coldfield (3.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Heineken Championships: Fife v Nottingham; Humberside v Cardiff; Murrayfield v Billingham; Whitley v Bracknell.

MOTOR RALLYING: Pirelli International Rally (Carlisle).

ATHLETICS: NutraSweet London Marathon (Greenwich to Westminster, 9.05).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championships (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

Cricket

First day of three

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Yorkshire (11.30).

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Lancashire (11.30).

Basketball

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Quarter-final play-offs: Men: First division: Worthing Bears v Leicester Riders; Guildford Kings v Birmingham Bullets; London Towers v Derby Bucks; Thames Valley Tigers v Oldham Celtics. Semi-final play-offs: Men: Third division: Sheffield Foxgers v Guildford; Leicester Falcons v Liverpool Atac. Women: First division: Sheffield Hatters v Nottingham Wildcats.

Other sport

BOWLS: Women's world indoor championships (Guernsey).

GYMNASTICS: World championships (NEC, Birmingham).

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Rejuvenated Andretti welcomes Mansell's return

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

THE week began with Mario worrying about Michael and Nigel worrying about himself. Yesterday, Andretti and Mansell finally focused their attention on each other and the battle for the PPG IndyCar championship that they lead.

Mario Andretti has put the disappointment of his son, Michael's, latest parlous Formula One performance at Donington behind him and goes into tomorrow's race here brimming with confidence after his first victory for five years at Phoenix a fortnight ago.

Mansell, 14 years and now ten points behind his Newman-Haas teammate, enters the 105-lap road race still struggling to shake off the effects of the practice crash that prevented him challenging Andretti in Phoenix.

"You have to give Mario a lot of respect for his experience," Mansell said. "He has got his nose in front and he deserves it, but we are very early on in the championship and I have plenty of time to catch up."

Despite his lingering injuries, Andretti is convinced the 39-year-old Formula One world champion will still be a significant threat to a continuation of his revival. "He could be strong," Andretti said. "Nothing seems to set him back for long, and he will be comfortable being back on a street circuit."

The 53-year-old Italian-American grandfather, himself a former Formula One world champion, has been the model of diplomacy since Mansell swept into the IndyCar circuit earlier this year, and together the two have guaranteed Newman-Haas their best start for several years. Like a tolerant and urbane patriarch, Andretti has borne the media concentration on his rival with good grace, dutifully stressing, in public at least, his respect for the Englishman. Yet his win, his 52nd in IndyCars, has given him new ambition, injected new impetus to a flagging career that has spanned five decades and he is in the mood to take advantage of Mansell's discomfort to extend his lead in the championship.

"We are here to race and to win, not just to be good teammates," Andretti said. "At my age, I keep wanting to prove myself and Phoenix was almost like justifying my existence in racing. I had been thinking of retiring after this season, but I think I might just squeak another year out of it now."

Mansell continued his cautious build-up to the race on Thursday, being eased in and out of his car by team mechanics as they experimented with ways of easing the pressure on his swollen lower back. After being mobbed by American autograph hunters at a signing session at a supermarket, he even saw fit to reflect on the wisdom of continuing in the sport.

"My legs are weak just thinking about getting back in the car after the crash," Mansell said. "I do not even know if I have got the nerve yet. We will have to wait and see.

"Things flash across your mind after an accident like that, and some of my best friends can't understand why I carry on. The reason I do it is because I like it and because I want to triumph against adversity and make a little bit of history. When you finish, you want to finish on a high."

Simms happy to stay with Leigh

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

LEIGH'S chances of continuing in the Rugby Football League were enhanced yesterday when Steve Simms, their Australian coach, decided to commit himself to the club for another three years. He has transformed Leigh's playing fortunes over the last six months in such impressive style that he has had interviews at both Wigan and Castleford for coaching vacancies.

Up until last week, he apparently saw no future for Leigh, whose lease at Hilton Park expires on May 28. But John Stringer, the club's general manager, is hopeful that the lease can be extended and the administrator is considering a £500,000 share issue proposed by a local estate agent.

Even if Leigh are made homeless, neighbouring Warrington have offered to share their ground. "We were confident enough to present Steve with a contract, as he was to sign it," Stringer said.

Leigh were bottom of the first division in November, but under the guidance of Simms have won eight league matches out of 17 and are now four places off the bottom, a position of comparative respectability.

Unlike Leigh, Leeds had high expectations at the start of the season but have not managed to fulfil any of them. They must beat Bradford Northern by a wide margin at Headingley in tomorrow's final round of Stone's Bitter championship fixtures to earn one of the four home ties in the Premiership competition.

In the scrum of teams behind Wigan and St Helens, who claimed their Premiership places several weeks ago, Widnes, the Challenge Cup finalists, will gain a home draw should they overcome Leigh.

Joe Grima, the captain of Keighley, will miss the divisional Premiership and the first round home tie with Hunslet tomorrow, after receiving a four-match ban for striking an opponent in the Good Friday match against Batley. Jimmy Irvine, of Batley, was also suspended for four matches.

Pakistan pace attack routs West Indies

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

AFTER the alarums and excursions, the charges and counter-charges, of the last week, we have a First Test match between West Indies and Pakistan, and one that by yesterday afternoon was looking as though it could develop into a fairly dramatic one.

Having chosen to bat and made an untroubled start, West Indies suddenly found themselves deep in trouble. Twenty minutes before lunch, they were 75 for one; 75 minutes afterwards, they were all out for 127.

More often than not, sides winning the toss in Port of Spain put the opposition in. Towards the end of a match the pitch usually becomes so slow that no one wants to bowl on it. But I took Richardson's decision to be a gesture of confidence, and he had no immediate reason to regret it. With Wasim bowling six no-balls in his first five overs and Waqar short of his best pace, Wasim produced Mushtaq, the joker in the pack, as soon as the eleventh over.

The ground, which had been crammed for the two one-day internationals last month, was barely a quarter full and the exchanges had been nothing if not tame when Haynes took the score past 50 with the ninth boundary of the morning.

Pakistan were already badly in need of a wicket when first Simmons and then Richardson presented them with theirs. Slashing at a wide, off-side long hop from Rehman, Simmons was caught behind. Simmons's philosophy is admirably simple: the ball is there to be hit. Now, though, he took his eye off it, something which Haynes, his partner in an opening stand of 63, never does.

Five overs later, Richardson was bowled round his legs, sweeping at a leg break from Mushtaq, who was operating from over the wicket. This was just the encouragement Mushtaq needed, and Lara arrived to find himself hemmed in by close fielders.

England's batsmen are not alone in preferring not to have to start an innings against flighted spin. Lara is clearly another and, by lunch, he had needed to survive two impassioned appeals for leg-before, each time when sweeping at Mushtaq.

Although Mushtaq's eight morning overs had cost only 21 runs and caused more trouble than any, Wasim began the afternoon with Rehman from one end and Waqar from the other. And at once the West Indian innings fell to pieces.

In the first over after lunch, Rehman drew Haynes forward to an outswinger and had him caught at the wicket; in the second, Lara was beautifully taken low down at second slip off Waqar; and in the fourth, Waqar had both Hooper and Murray leg-before, Dickie Bird having no difficulty with either decision.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings

D L Haynes c Moin b Rehman	31
P V Simmons c Moin b Rehman	27
*R B Richardson b Mushtaq	7
B C Lara c Aamir b Waqar	6
K L T Arthurton run out	3
C L Hooper lbw b Waqar	9
†J R Murray lbw b Waqar	0
I R Bishop c Inzamam b Rehman	4
A C Cummins not out	14
C E L Ambrose lbw b Wasim	4
C A Walsh b Wasim	0
Extras (b 6, lb 3, w 2, nb 11)	22
Total	127

FALL OF WICKETS 1-63, 2-75, 3-85, 4-85, 5-95, 6-95, 7-102, 8-102, 9-127.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10.2-2-32-2 (nb 9); Waqar Younis 11-3-37-3; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-1-21-1; Ata-ur-Rehman 9-0-28-3 (nb 2, w 2).
PAKISTAN: Aamir Sohail, Ramiz Raja, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Javed Miandad, Basit Ali, Asif Mujtaba, *Wasim Akram, †Moin Khan, Waqar Younis, Ata-ur-Rehman, Mushtaq Ahmed.
Umpires: H D Bird and S U Buckner

Keey's bold route to safety

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Durham

COMBATIVE, at times inspired, batting by Chris Keey, a 23-year-old postgraduate in social studies, enlivened the final day of a game Durham's bowlers will be disappointed not to have won. On a pitch granting significant, if slow turn, the students closed on 226 for six, 131 runs short of their putative target.

Keey, Johannesburg-born and Harrow-educated, added 123 for the fourth wicket with Gregor MacMillan, who quickly followed his partner back to the pavilion. Keey's innings of 70, ended by David Graveney's athletic catch at mid-wicket, was a career-best score, beating the 64 he made in Oxford's victory against Middlesex last season.

A pulled six off Bainbridge was the first sign of his boldness. Thereafter he drove powerfully down the ground and regularly punched strokes through the leg-side field. MacMillan, though impatient as he approached his maiden first-class half-century, also played well for his 51. A straight drive for six off Berry was the stroke of the day.

When he went, caught by the swooping Parker, Graveney was the successful bowler. The Durham captain acknowledges that, as the senior spinner, he has much bowling to do this year and sent down 35 overs here to return his best figures for the county.

The four wickets he took, at a cost of 49 runs, reveal that none of the batsmen got after him. Gallian, attempting to drive through mid-wicket, was stumped and Montgomerie survived a more difficult stumping chance before Lovell was defeated by turn.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Cork contains: Derbyshire's England prospect gave little away at Fenner's yesterday

Derby's hopes dashed by Jones

BY IVO TENNANT

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Derbyshire

THERE was a clarity of purpose about Cambridge University's batting yesterday that had everything to do with being asked to make 378 in four hours. Even if Peter May had still been here, they would have been hard put to come close to reaching it. An honorable draw was the very extent of their ambitions.

The likelihood, of course, was that Derbyshire would have won had they not opted for a second innings of batting practice. The upshot was that Jones, a left-hander and a blue, treated the last two sessions not so much as an extended net than a timeless Test. His 17 runs took nearly three hours.

Between lunch and tea he made six, and three of those came from one shot in an over of gentle lobs from Bowler. It was not particularly pretty to watch, but no matter. Cambridge staved off defeat, and these days that is something.

In all, Jones faced 163 balls, never showing the bowler the slightest space between bat and front pad. His burden was the greater for Crawley having been out relatively early in the innings, beaten through the air by Sladdin.

If Derbyshire are to be contenders for the championship, they will look to Sladdin for 50 or 60 wickets. It was no coincidence that he was given lengthy spells here.

By the time Jones was out, his concentration lapsing when the occasional bowlers came on, the match was finished as a contest. Nobody much minded or thought of going home, not at this stage of the season.

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Gallant Tamar Lass offers encouragement to owners

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

THE achievement of Tamar Lass in coming second and collecting £2,120 prize-money in The Times Rising Stars final at Worcester on Wednesday should encourage more point-to-point owners to take part in next year's series.

Home-bred by her owner, David du Plessis and trained by his daughter, Jackie, Tamar Lass has had 22 races in point-to-points and has never really looked a world-beater. Six years old and in her second season, she won a maiden and a restricted from eight outings, but last year she proved disappointing with only an intermediate success to her credit from six starts.

Although she failed to win in three races this term, it was decided to try her in The Times qualifier at Ludlow where, under David Stephens, she battled on gamely to be third behind Overheard.

Conditions came right at Worcester, as heavy going is a great leveller, and although she may lack a bit of pace, she lacks nothing in heart.

Indeed, had the distance been the full three miles she may well have won as she was catching the winner, Gold Shot, fast at the finish.

Having tasted this minor success, connections will now look for longer-distance hunter chases and Newton Abbot on May 4 is a likely objective.

The new course at Sudlow Farm will be used for the first time today for the Cheshire Forest meeting, where the feature race is a Land Rover qualifier. Equity Player, who uncharacteristically unseated Alistair Crow at Eyton-on-Severn on Monday, will be out to make quick amends but may find Fibreguide Tech difficult to beat.

After Alison Dare's double on Tuesday at Upton-on-Severn, Jo Cumings has fallen one behind in the women's title race but she looks sure to increase her score at the Axe Vale with the choice of rides on Starember Lad or Khattaf in the Taittinger qualifier.

☐ The Tetcott meeting, scheduled for today, has been postponed because of a waterlogged course.

Dare: one ahead in women's title race

Today's meetings

Axe Vale, Stafford Cross, three miles west of Seaton (first race 2.00); Bedale & West of Yore, Hornby Castle, 3m S of Catterick (2.00), Bicester with Whaddon Chase, Kingston Blount, 4m NE of Watlington (1.30); Braes of Derwent, Tranwell, 3m SW of Morpeth (2.00); Cheshire Forest, Sudlow Farm, 1m W of Knutsford (2.00); Fitzwilliam, Cottenham, 5m N of Cambridge (2.00); Glamorgan, St Hilary, 2m E of Cowbridge (2.00); Grove & Rufford, Thorpe Lodge, 3m SW of Newark (1.45); Ludlow, Bitterley, 4m NE of Ludlow (2.00); Portman, Badbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford (1.30); West Kent, Penshurst, 4m SW of Tonbridge (2.00).

NEXT WEEK'S RACING

MONDAY: Brighton, Nottingham, Edinburgh.
TUESDAY: Folkestone, Newton Abbot.
WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge, Cheltenham, Perth.
THURSDAY: Beverley, Cheltenham, Perth.
FRIDAY: Sandown Park, Carlisle, Perth, †Ludlow, †Taunton.
SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Leicester, Ripon, Market Rasen, †Hexham, †Worcester.
Flat meetings in bold.
† Denotes evening meeting.

☐ Melliottie faces 13 rivals in the £222,506 International Cup (1m 1f) at Sha Tin, Hong Kong, tomorrow. Half A Tick and Thourios form the British challenge for the £173,060 International Bowl (7f).

Maguire steals show on Staunch Friend

STAUNCH Friend, last of 17 finishers in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, bounced back to form when landing the Scottish version at Ayr yesterday under an inspired ride from Adrian Maguire.

Maguire was content to bide his time on the 5-1 chance as Flown and Jinxy Jack took turns in the lead. Royal Derbi, the Champion Hurdle runner-up, moved ahead two flights out, but Maguire was covering every move and edged Staunch Friend smoothly to the front approaching the last.

Despite blundering, Staunch Friend kept on strongly to repel Native Mission by one-and-a-half lengths. Ruling, struggling at halfway, finished strongly to finish half-a-length back in third.

Last 'O' The Bunch, apart from a slight mistake at the second-last fence, turned in another near-perfect exhibition of jumping to capture the Royal Highland Fusiliers Challenge Cup.

Guineas hopefuls on trial

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

THE chances of Ireland mounting a serious challenge for the 2,000 Guineas will be elucidated today when the two top Irish juveniles of last season make their seasonal debuts.

Jim Bolger's Basim, who has been working well at home, must have a sound chance of crediting his trainer with his first British victory in England this year in the Singer & Friedlander Greenham Stakes at Newbury.

The Irish handicapper rated Basim superior to Fatherland, largely on his good third to Tenby in the Ciga Grand Criterium at Longchamp.

Lester Piggott travels to Leopardstown for the Ir£15,000 2,000 Guineas trial where his group-winning mount Fatherland, trained by Vincent O'Brien, has to give 7lb to his five opponents.

He had looked something special when winning the GPA and National Stakes at the Curragh where, after appearing to give Maroof too much leeway, he sprinted home to win by half a length. Piggott attempted similar tactics in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, but it never looked like paying off against an opponent of the calibre of Zafonic, and he finished out of the money.

Khoraz will be a good yardstick today as he meets Fatherland on 7lb better terms for a three-and-a-half length defeat last autumn.

Ayr course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; J Jefferson, 9 from 36, 25.0%, Mrs J Pitman, 4 from 16, 25.0%; G Richards, 56 from 250, 22.4%; G Moore, 23 from 121, 19.0%; J J O'Neill, 13 from 76, 17.1%

JOCKEYS: M Pitman, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; N Doughty, 36 from 135, 26.7%; R Dunwoody, 4 from 15, 26.7%; P Niven, 31 from 126, 24.6%; L Wyer, 15 from 90, 16.7%; J J Quinn, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

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THUNDERER

2.20 Brackenfield. 2.55 Superior Finish. 3.25 Cab On Target. 4.05 Dalkyns Boy. 4.40 Bold Boss. 5.10 Qualitair Sound. 5.40 Aahsaylad.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.20 ALBERT BARTLETT & SONS FUTURE CHAMPIONS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,284: 2m 4f) (3 runners)

1	0-11111	BRACKENFIELD 70 (CD,F,6,5) (S Faber) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-10	P Niven	68
2	211164	FRICKLEY 16 (C,6,5) (R Dycian) G Richards 7-11-10	M Dwyer	96
3	P00	SCARLET BERRY 67 (R Brewis) R Brewis 5-10-11	G Harker	–

BETTING: 4-5 Brackenfield, Evens Frickley, 100-1 Scarlet Berry.
1992: BEACHY HEAD 4-10-13 D Wilkinson (8-13 fav) C Thornton 9 ran

2.55 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASER NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,723: 3m 1f) (4 runners) — C4

1	P21121	MUSTHAVEASWIG 10 (D,6) (P D Fasteners Ltd) D Nicholson 7-11-12	R Dunwoody	84
2	422112	SUPERIOR FINISH 31 (6,5) (Downed Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-12	M Pitman	68
3	023152	THE LAUGHING LORD 12 (BF,F,6,5) P Chesbrough 7-11-12	Mr A Thomson (3)	80
4	21322F	MISTER TUFTIE 84 (CD,F,5) (Mai I Sinaier) G Richards 8-11-8	P Niven	63

BETTING: 8-13 Superior Finish, 3-1 Musthaveaswig, 8-1 Mister Tuftie, The Laughing Lord.
1992: FLIGHT HILL 8-11-3 P Niven (7-4 fav) Mrs M Reveley 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUSTHAVEASWIG beat Good Tonic 2½l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good). SUPERIOR FINISH 31 2nd of 9 to Young Hustler in the grade I Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to firm). THE LAUGHING LORD 10l 2nd of 5 to Sandstone Arch in a novice chase at Kelso (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). MISTER TUFTIE 14l 2nd of 7 to Roy's Dream in a novice chase handicap at Kelso on penultimate start (2m 5f 110yd, good). Selection: SUPERIOR FINISH

3.25 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL'S FUTURE CHAMPION NOVICES CHASE (Grade I: £18,840: 2m 4f) (8 runners) — C4

1	5-41212	BIBENDUM 17 (D,6,5) (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 7-11-8	Peter Hobbs	82
2	2-11121	CAB ON TARGET 15 (CD,F,6,5) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-8	P Niven	68
3	3F1712	COGENT 63 (D,F,5) (Pad-mail Partners) A Tarnell 9-11-8	S McNeill	82
4	F111P2	DANTE'S INFERNO 16 (C,6,5) (Lady Harris) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-8	T Reed	51
5	59/12FU	MACKINNON 5 (BF,5) (The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 8-11-8	N Doughty	50
6	122159	MONTPELIER LAD 7 (C,F,6,5) (S Little) G Richards 8-11-8	R Dunwoody	83
7	P-12232	NO MORE THE FOOL 35 (6) (R Lee) J Berry 7-11-5	M McInerney	90
8	323401	PERSIAN HOUSE 37 (C,D,F,6,5) (Mrs J Davenport) J Jefferson 6-11-9	A Maguire	51

BETTING: 8-15 Cab On Target, 5-1 Cogent, 13-2 Bibendum, 14-1 Montpelier Lad, 25-1 others.
1992: THE ILLYWHACKER 7-11-8 M Pitman (5-1) Mrs J Pitman 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIBENDUM beat below-par CAB ON TARGET (same terms) 6l in a 7-runner novice chase at Stratford on penultimate start (2m 4f, good). CAB ON TARGET beat Forest Sun 12l in the 5-runner grade II Mildmay Novices' Chase at Aintree (3m 1f, firm). COGENT 4l 2nd of 9 to Young Hustler in a conditions chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good). DANTE'S INFERNO 2l 2nd to Boomtrap School (2m, good) there yesterday. MONTPELIER LAD 17l 5th of 7 to Vodfast Boy in the grade II Maghull Novices' Chase at Aintree (2m, good to firm), with DANTE'S INFERNO pulled up before 2 out. PERSIAN HOUSE beat Koshbaloo ½l in a 5-runner novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). Selection: CAB ON TARGET

4.05 STAKIS SCOTTISH NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (Grade III: £29,700: 4m 1f) (21 runners) — C4

1	111202	RUN FOR FREE 16 (BF,F,6,5) (Mrs M Frestley) M Pipe 9-11-10	M Perrett	97
2	51-PP1V	PARTY POLITICS 49 (F,6,5) (Miss D Thompson) N Crowhurst 9-11-5	D Murphy	85
3	/3-51UU	CRAVENS CLOWN 16 (6,5) (Mrs J Oldham) Mrs J Pitman 13-10-7	M Pitman	85
4	311112	DARYNS BOY 66 (C,BF,5) (A Parker) K Twiston-Davies 6-10-1	C Llewellyn	90
5	-U21UV	RIVERSIDE BOY 49 (6,5) (Miss H Blagrove) M Pipe 10-10-0	J Lower	88
6	-1P442V	LATENT TALENT 57 (6,5) (C Heath) S Sherwood 9-10-0	J Osborne	88
7	12-16F6	PARSONS GREEN 77 (B,6,5) (R Tooth) N Henderson 9-10-0	C Swan	89
8	2/1RUF4	DUNTRIER 67 (6,5) (Mrs J Moore) D Nicholson 8-10-0	N Dawes	86
9	11P256	MERRY MASTER 32 (F,6,5) (G Lieabury) R Armytage 9-10-0	Glen Armytage	86
10	33/3-51V	WONT BE GONE LONG 57 (F,6) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 11-10-0	R Dunwoody	87
11	451FIV	MISTER ED 28 (F,6,5) (The Talking Horse Partnership) R Curtis 10-10-0	D Morris	90
12	3525SV	ESHA NESS 32 (C,6,5) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0	J White	80
13	30-1430	WILLSFORD 26 (B,6,5) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0	B de Haan	87
14	UU13B	BORACEVA 16 (F,6,5) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 10-10-0	A Maguire	84
15	214U4P	WHAAT FETTLE 28 (6,5) (The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 8-10-0	M McInerney	85
16	P8413W	STAY ON TRACKS 28 (C,F,6,5) (P Pitter) P Chesbrough 11-10-0	K Johnson	84
17	04-6213	SMOOTH ESCORT 49 (B,6,5) (Mrs P Liscott) Mrs D Haine 9-10-0	C Grant	87
18	251310	CYTHERE 32 (5) (K Carr) J Gifford 9-10-0	P Hide (5)	86
19	0FU121	OFF THE BRU 24 (C,F,6) (G Lochtie) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-0	Mr J Bradburne	85
20	PP2402	BEAU CHARM 7 (6,5) (Ultimate Racing Ltd) J Gifford 9-10-0	B Storey	85
21	353545	ABERCROMBY CHIEF 5 (6,5) (I Davidson) K Oliver 8-10-0	A Odney	80

Long handicap: Riversilde Boy 9-11, Latent Talent 9-10, Parsons Green 9-7, Dunbree 9-6, Merry Master 9-6, Wont Be Gone Long 9-5, Mister Ed 9-4, Esha Ness 9-4, Willsford 9-3, Boracieva 8-12, Whaat Fettle 8-9, Stay On Tracks 8-9, Smooth Escort 8-1, Cythere 8-1, Off The Bru 7-4, Beau Charm 8-12, Abercromby Chief 8-9

BETTING: 4-1 Dalkyns Boy, 6-1 Run For Free, 8-1 Esha Ness, Party Politics, 12-1 Mister Ed, 14-1 Latent Talent, Riverside Boy, Wont Be Gone Long, 16-1 Cravens Clown, Whaat Fettle, 20-1 others.
1992: CAPTAIN DIBBLE 7-11-0 P Scudamore (9-1) N Twiston-Davies 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUN FOR FREE 1½l 2nd of 4 to Docklands Express in the grade II Martell Cup Chase at Aintree (3m 1f, good to firm), when CRAVENS CLOWN unseated rider 2nd. PARTY POLITICS beat Fiddlers Pike 4l in a 9-runner handicap chase at Haydock on penultimate start (3m 4f 110yd, good), with WILLSFORD (2lb worse off) 2½l 3rd and RIVERSIDE BOY (2lb better off) 5l 4th. CRAVENS CLOWN beat Samsam Savannah 2l in a 4-runner conditions chase at Wincanton in February (3m 1f 110yd, good). DARYNS BOY 10l 2nd of 4 to Capability Brown in the grade II Reynoldstown Novices' Chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good to soft). RIVERSIDE BOY beat Just So a neck in a 10-runner handicap chase at Taunton in January (4m 2f 110yd, soft), with CYTHERE (20lb worse off) 12l 3rd and BORACEVA weakening when unseating rider 4 out. WONT BE GONE LONG beat LATENT TALENT (6lb better off) ½l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good). MISTER ED beat Into The Red 15l in a 17-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (4m 2f, good), with WILLSFORD (17lb better off) 25l 9th and WHAAT FETTLE pulled off when pulled up before 2 out. ESHA NESS 27½l 5th of 12 to Strong Beau in the Futre Waterwylde Muir Handicap Chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good, good to firm catchers). BORACEVA short-head and neck 3rd of 7 to Elvis A Buck in the National Hunts Handicap Chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (3m 1f, good), when CRAVENS CLOWN unseated rider 8 out. STAY ON TRACKS beat General Pershing 31½l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Haydock in February (3m, good to soft). CYTHERE beat Samsam Talbot 3l in a 7-runner amateurs' handicap chase at Chepstow (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft). OFF THE BRU beat Four Trix 10l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Kelso (3m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: PARTY POLITICS

4.40 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Final: 4-Y-O: £4,719: 2m) (7 runners) — C4

1	4P1110	BOLD BOSS 16 (CD,BF,6,5) (J Robson) G Moore 12-0	C Grant	95
2	12125	CO-CHIN 17F (D,5) (T Phillips) D Moffat 10-9	D J Moffat (3)	98
3	31101P	SEAGULL HOLLOW 48 (D,6,5) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 10-4	L Wyer	95
4	2B5402	PALACEGATE KING 7 (D,5) (C Whitters) A Whitters 10-4	M Moloney	93
5	2213I2	KALKO 17F (D,6) (M Wilkes) M Hammond 10-3	R Dunwoody	95
6	41012P	LIABILITY ORDER 49 (D,5) (J Brown) M Hammond 10-0	A Maguire	85
7	012654	JOHN NAMAN 22 (D,6) (Courage Capital Racing) P Monteith 10-0	F Perrett (7)	92

Long handicap: Liability Order 9-8, John Naman 8-7.
BETTING: 11-4 Co-Chin, 3-1 Bold Boss, 9-2 Kalko, 5-1 Seagull Hollow, 8-1 Palacegate King, 10-1 Liability Order, 20-1 John Naman.
1992: DIZZY 10-10 A Dobbin (9-2) P Monteith 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD BOSS beat KALKO (2lb better off) 4l in a 6-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good). Previously, beat Gladedale St in the 7-runner Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock (2m, good), with CO-CHIN (9lb better off) 2l 5th and LIABILITY ORDER (22lb better off) tailed off when pulled up before last. KALKO beat Ste-Jea a short head in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, good), with PALACEGATE KING (1lb worse off) 2¼l 5th. Previously, 1l 2nd of 13 to Balaboroo in a novice hurdle at Edinburgh (2m, good), with JOHN NAMAN (3lb better off) 10¾l 6th and SEAGULL HOLLOW (9lb better off) 14l 7th.
Selection: KALKO

5.10 ROYAL BURGH OF AYR MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,468: 2m) (6 runners)

1	062068	QUALITAIR SOUND 14 (V,D,F,6,5) (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 5-11-10	J J Quinn	98
2	335210	PREOBLAKENSKY 10 (BD,6,5) (T Homes) G Richards 8-11-8	B Harding (7)	89
3	354004	PERSUASIVE 9F (CD,6,5) (W Hitching) Miss L Perratt 8-11-0	A Maguire	95
4	630130	GOLDEN ISLE 17 (CD,5) (J Hogg) J Charlton 9-10-9	B Storey	84
5	120206	ROSE TABLEAU 36 (F,5) (Mrs H Wells) J J O'Neill 10-10-7	C Llewellyn	88
6	051115	FAMILY LINE 12 (CD,F,6,5) (J Richard) Miss L Perratt 5-10-0	F Perratt (7)	92

Long handicap: Family Line 9-13.
BETTING: 7-4 Preoblakensky, 3-1 Qualitair Sound, 7-2 Persuasive, 11-2 Family Line, Rose Tableau, 14-1 Golden Isle.
1992: PERSUASIVE 5-10-0 C Grant (9-2) Miss L Perratt 6 ran

5.40 LADBROKE RACING ON-COURSE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,407: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

1	13F113	ONE MAN 14 (C,D,F,6,5) (P Pitter) P Chesbrough 5-12-0	C Grant	80
2	11P1	AAHSAYLAD 30 (B,D,6,5) (Ms M Horan) J White 7-11-10	A Maguire	90
3	30-1215	PROGRAMMED TO WIN 56 (C,BF,5) (Systemcare Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-6	P Niven	83
4	3-122P1	LUSTY LIGHT 79 (D,6,5) (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3	M Pitman	95
5	641	JUDICIOUS CAPTAIN 7 (5) (J Adam) J Adam 6-10-13	R Dunwoody	89
6	1-46011	TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 11 (6,5) (J McGrath) M H Easterby 5-10-5	L Wyer	98
7	2SF0F3	CLOWMILL 4 (5) (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 8-10-1	J Osborne	91
8	F-03102	MYTHICAL STORM 21 (5) (C Buckley) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0	C Llewellyn	88
9	33-U6P2	BENBHAZI 7 (A Thomson) A Thomson 9-10-0	B Storey	88

Long handicap: Mythical Storm 9-13, Benghazi 9-4.
BETTING: 3-1 Aahsayiad, 4-1 Judicious Captain, 9-2 Mythical Storm, Toogood To Be True, 8-1 others.
1992: MEEDWOOD MUPPET 5-11-5 L Harvey (9-4 fav) B Morgan 11 ran

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Inchinor to enliven classic scene

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

IAN STEWART

Smooth success: Sueboog and Walter Swinburn enjoying a stylish victory at Newbury yesterday

AFTER a series of inconclusive trials, in which the most significant pointer has been the defeat of Zafonic, today's Singer & Friedlander Greenham Stakes at Newbury offers a last chance to inject some much-needed life into a lacklustre classic market.

Rarely can the run-up to the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas have been so uninspiring. Elizabeth Bay leads the fillies' betting, partly because of an ill-judged ride by her jockey, while Zafonic has been re-installed as odds-on favourite for the colts' classic without moving from his box after defeat in the Prix Djebel.

From the purists' standpoint, who wins this afternoon is almost less important than how he wins. A decisive victory which captures the imagination of the racing public and offers a viable alternative to Zafonic would do wonders for the Guineas meeting.

Tinners Way, arguably the horse with the most potential, may just need the race, like several of John Gosden's runners. The impressive winner of his sole race at Doncaster last autumn, he has been working sweetly at Newmarket but will definitely be better for today's run. "He's more behind than some of mine and the race should put him where we want him," Gosden said yesterday.

The Dewhurst form, boosted yesterday by Sueboog's victory in the Fred Darling Stakes, is represented in the shape of Inchinor and Firm Pledge, who were split by a short head when finishing behind Zafonic last autumn.

While Firm Pledge may not appreciate the rain-softened ground, Inchinor revelled in the prevailing conditions last season, and his form looks better by the day; especially his defeat of Right Win and Emperor Jones at Ascot.

Roger Charlton, who can match Tim Forster in the pessimism stakes, said yesterday that Inchinor had hardly grown an inch over the winter, but he was fit and well. Inchinor has never been a great worker at home, and while there may be a question mark about him being a true group one horse, he has done little wrong on the racecourse and is taken to win at the expense of Basim, who was Ireland's top two-year-old last year.

Sueboog, likely to run in the French 1,000 Guineas but every inch an Oaks prospect, brought a smile to the face of Clive Brittain following the disappointing performance by Sayyedati at Newmarket on Tuesday.

The bubbling Newmarket trainer disclosed that a post-race test had shown Sayyedati's blood to be "upside down." Brittain's infectious optimism prompted all the bookmakers to trim the filly to 3-1 for the 1,000 Guineas.

Newbury, whose go-ahead management hopes to have the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes elevated to a group one race by next year, provides a competitive, if somewhat tricky, card today. Spring, from the in-form John Dunlop yard, appeals as the safest bet in the John Porter Stakes. The progressive filly, who ended the last campaign by winning a group three race in Italy, will appreciate the softish going and is reported to be fit for her seasonal debut.

However, the best bet of the day is undoubtedly half-an-hour later in the Stakis Scottish National, a race Nigel Twiston-Davies pencilled in for Dakyns Boy three months ago. Novice chasers seem to be let in lightly in handicap chases and Dakyns Boy looks the ideal type for this marathon test, won by stable companion Captain Dibble 12 months ago.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DAKYNS BOY
(4.05 Ayr)
Next best: Spring
(2.30 Newbury)

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.00 Newton's Law. 2.30 Mashaallah. 3.00 Inchinor. 3.30 Efharisto. 4.00 Planetary Aspect. 4.30 Number One Spot. 5.00 Moorish.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 ERICOLIN (nap). 2.30 Shambo. 3.00 Tinners Way.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 NEWTON'S LAW.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN BACK STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE UP TO 1M STRAIGHT

2.00 P C L BURGHCLERE CONDITIONS STAKES BBC1
(3-Y-O: £6,280: 1m 3f 5yd) (6 runners)

101 (2) 31- BLUE JUDGE 198 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) J Bolger (Ire) 8-12 C Roche 84
102 (6) 54-1 ERICOLIN 16 (G) (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-12 M Roberts 85
103 (5) 62541- JACKPOT STAR 179 (S) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 8-12 J Reid 78
104 (4) 42018-1 NEWTON'S LAW 14 (F,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 Pat Eddery
105 (3) 13422-5 ALDERNEY PRINCE 14 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-10 A Munro 83
106 (1) 823-1 MARCO MAGNIFICO 58 (Mrs L Simpson) B Hills 8-10 W Carson 82

BETTING: 4-5 Newton's Law, 6-1 Blue Judge, Marco Magnifico, 8-1 Ericolin, Jackpot Star, 10-1 Alderney Prince.
1992: BEYTON 9-1 B Raymond (14-1) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE JUDGE beat Clear Ability 1½l in 9-runner Curragh (1m, yielding) maiden. ERICOLIN beat Alyducan 1l in 9-runner Brighton (1m 1f 209yd, good to firm) maiden. JACKPOT STAR beat Demurrer 10l in 6-runner Chester (7f 122yd, good to soft) maiden. NEWTON'S LAW beat Zimzalabim 6l in 3-runner Beverley (1m 1f 207yd, good to firm) stakes race. ALDERNEY PRINCE 1l 2nd of 12 to Marius in Sandown (1m 1f, good) handicap. MARCO MAGNIFICO beat Daring Past 1½l in 10-runner Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) maiden.
Selection: NEWTON'S LAW

2.30 LANES END JOHN PORTER EBF STAKES BBC1
(Group III: £20,439: 1m 4f 5yd) (7 runners)

201 (6) 261100- MASHAALLAH 181 (D,F,G,S) J Gosden 5-9-4 M Roberts 95
202 (7) 103631- ASSESSOR 174 (G,S) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 4-9-2 J Reid 97
203 (5) 01530-1 SHAMBO 21 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 6-9-1 Pat Eddery 96
204 (3) 410120- LINPAC WEST 175 (C,D,G,S) (Linpac Group Ltd) C W C Elsey 7-8-12 L Dettori 96
205 (2) 21/5202- JAPE 244 (G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-10 R Cochrane 94
206 (1) 443642- ALWAYS FRIENDLY 174 (D,G,S) (F Salman) H Candy 5-8-9 A Munro 94
207 (4) 611321- SPRING 139 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Halifax) J Dunlop 4-8-7 W Carson

BETTING: 5-2 Mashaallah, 11-4 Spring, 4-1 Shambo, 5-1 Assessor, 8-1 Always Friendly, 12-1 Jape, Linpac West.
1992: SADDLERS' HALL 4-8-13 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) M Stoute 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASHAALLAH beat Snurge neck in group I Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger at the Curragh (1m 6f, soft) in September. ASSESSOR beat ALWAYS FRIENDLY (3lb better off) 2½l in 12-runner group I Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp (1m 7f 110yd, soft). SHAMBO beat Young Buster ¾l in 3-runner Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) stakes race. LINPAC WEST beat Percy's Girl 1½l in 4-runner listed race at Ayr (1m 3f, soft) in September. JAPE beat Silvernesian 3½l in 7-runner group III St Leger Italiano in Turin (1m 6f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. SPRING 1l 2nd of 8 to Up Anchor in group III Castrol St Simon Stakes over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start with LINPAC WEST 7th and SHAMBO 8th both well behind.
Selection: SPRING

3.00 SINGER & FRIEDLANDER GREENHAM STAKES BBC1
(Group III: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £22,383: 7f str) (8 runners)

301 (2) 1213- BASIM 196 (G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) J Bolger (Ire) 9-0 C Roche
302 (1) 1230- FIRM PLEDGE 168 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro 96
303 (8) 112- INCHINOR 183 (D,G,S) (P Oppenheimer) R Charlton 9-0 L Dettori 97
304 (7) 1- RUSTIC CRAFT 190 (S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 75
305 (6) 2 SECRET ALY 22 (B Vaak) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts 81
306 (3) 111130- SHARP PROD 177 (F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 B Raymond 95
307 (4) 110546- SON PARDO 172 (C,F,G,S) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 97
308 (5) 1- TINNERS WAY 181 (D,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 Pat Eddery 80

BETTING: 9-4 Inchinor, 11-4 Basim, 5-1 Firm Pledge, Tinners Way, 10-1 Sharp Prod, Son Pardo, 16-1 others.
1992: LION CAVERN 9-0 S Cauthen (9-4) A Fabre (Fr) 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BASIM 2½l 3rd of 11 to Tenby in group I Ciga Grand Criterium at Longchamp (1m, soft). Previously beat Up And At 'Em 6l in group III EBF Anglesey Stakes at the Curragh (6f 63yd, soft). INCHINOR 4l 2nd of 11 to Zafonic in group I Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with FIRM PLEDGE (same terms) short-head 3rd. RUSTIC CRAFT beat Khattat 1½l in 7-runner Ascot (6f, good to soft) maiden. SECRET ALY neck 2nd of 11 to Thunder River in Doncaster (7f, good to firm) maiden. SHARP PROD 2½l 3rd of 7 to Forest Wind in group II Rokeby Farms Mill Reef Stakes here (6f 8yd, good) on penultimate start. SON PARDO 7½l 6th of 24 to Pips Pride in valuable Redcar (6f, heavy) auction race. Better effort when earlier 3¾l 5th of 8 to Splendent in Group II Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good to firm). TINNERS WAY beat Kasshaan 3½l in 18-runner Doncaster (7f, good) maiden.
Selection: BASIM (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	27	83	32.5	Pat Eddery	44	229	19.7
P Chapple-Hyam	8	26	30.8	S Raymont	3	19	15.8
J Gosden	16	79	20.3	M Roberts	33	216	15.3
R Charlton	8	62	12.9	W Carson	32	211	15.2
B Hills	17	139	12.2	L Dettori	20	136	14.7
Lord Huntingdon	7	63	11.1	G Bardwell	3	27	11.1

3.30 LADBROKES SPRING HANDICAP BBC1
(£17,993: 1m 7yd rnd) (20 runners)

401 (15) 412/0- KING ATHELSTAN 350 (F) (Ms R Hoad) J Gosden 5-10-0 B Raymond –
402 (6) 000302- SUNDAY'S HILL 179 (C,F,G) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 4-9-11 R Cochrane 93
403 (9) 5003-13 KNOCK TO ENTER 23 (F) (R Payne) M Williams 5-9-8 J Williams
404 (14) 003620- AMAZE 177 (B,CD,S) (Lady Katharine Phillips) Lady Herries 4-9-8 Paul Eddery 90
405 (16) 01/01- DAWNING STREET 339 (D,G) (Windflower Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 5-9-8 W Carson 85
406 (7) 21120-0 EFHARISTO 21 (D,F,G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-7 M Roberts 90
407 (10) 3004-43 PAY HOMAGE 11 (D,F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 5-9-7 S O'Gorman 98
408 (11) 1240-31 WILL OF STEEL 3 (G,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5 (7ex) K Fallon 95
409 (8) 45552-0 ROYAL SEATON 21 (G,S) (Amalster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 4-9-3 S Whitworth 95
410 (20) 12200- TISSISAT 243 (D,F) (The Queen) I Balding 4-9-1 L Dettori 86
411 (12) 20100-5 NEPTUNE'S PET 15 (D,F,G) (K Symonds and Partners) G Lewis 5-9-1 J Reid 92
412 (2) 100140- RISK MASTER 175 (C,D,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-9-0 R Hills 92
413 (18) 42106-0 TALENT 15 (V,D,F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-13 A Munro 95
414 (17) 56304-0 SAND TABLE 15 (Mrs J Sutcliffe) J Sutcliffe 4-8-12 B Rouse 95
415 (3) 500/431- PORT SUNLIGHT 333 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 5-8-12 A McGlone 90
416 (1) 121240- CONFRONTER 203 (S) (S Dow) S Dow 4-8-10 G Carter 97
417 (13) 203-310 SAAHI 5 (D,S) (M Peters) C Weedon 4-8-8 K Rutter (5) 91
418 (4) 001051- HIGHLAND MAGIC 162 (G) (Miss N Carroll) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-8 C Rutter 94
419 (5) 313243 INVOCATION 7 (F) (R Kiernan) A Moore 6-8-5 N Adams 96
420 (19) 212212- GOOGLY 189 (G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 4-8-5 G Bardwell 92

BETTING: 11-2 Will Of Steel, 6-1 Efharisto, 8-1 Dawning Street, Knock To Enter, 12-1 Port Sunlight, Risk Master, Royal Seaton, 14-1 Amaze, 16-1 Confronter, 20-1 Neptune's Pet, Pay Homage, Sunday's Hill, 25-1 others.
1992: RUDIMENTARY 4-10-0 Pat Eddery (12-1) H Cecil 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNOCK TO ENTER dead-heated 3rd, beaten 2l by Mellottie in 8-runner listed race at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). DAWNING STREET beat Piquant 3½l in 18-runner Kempton (1m, good) handicap. EFHARISTO neck 2nd of 11 to Little Bean in Newmarket (1m, good) handicap on penultimate start last term with RISK MASTER 11th. PAY HOMAGE 3l 3rd of 13 to Leif The Lucky in Pontefract (1m, good) handicap. WILL OF STEEL beat Little Bean 2l in 6-runner Newmarket (7f, good) handicap. Previously 1¾l 3rd of 24 to High Premium in Doncaster (1m, good to firm) handicap with ROYAL SEATON (11lb better off) 6¾l 6th and EFHARISTO (11lb better off) 4½l 13th. RISK MASTER beat Vanborough Lad 1l in 12-runner Goodwood (1m, good) handicap in September. PORT SUNLIGHT beat Execution Only neck in 10-runner Goodwood (1m 1f, good to firm) handicap with NEPTUNE'S PET poor 5th.
Selection: KNOCK TO ENTER

4.00 BEN MICHAELSON 80th BIRTHDAY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,175: 1m str) (22 runners)

501 (10) ARID (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 M Roberts –
502 (3) 0-0 BAYFAN 11 (E Houghton) J Moore 9-0 B Rouse –
503 (11) BELFRY GREEN (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 9-0 A Clark –
504 (20) BEVERLY KNIGHT (Miss K Grocott) D Murray Smith 9-0 C Rutter –
505 (22) 6- CLOUDED ELEGANCE 175 (Mrs M Wates) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori 74
506 (21) FOX SPARROW (Miss M Sheriffe) R Charlton 9-0 S Raymont –
507 (13) GONE FOR A BURTON (H Carrington) P Makin 9-0 T Sprake –
508 (8) 3-2 GRAN SENORUM 21 (BF) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro 81
509 (5) 5 IMPERIAL TOKAY 22 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 J Williams –
510 (16) 5 JUST JAMIE 11 (A Perry) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery –
511 (7) 0 MASTER BEVELED 18 (A King) A Jones 9-0 N Adams –
512 (14) 0-0 M'BEBE 18 (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-0 R Street –
513 (12) MOST EQUAL (H Kirpalani) P Murphy 9-0 G Carter –
514 (6) 25- PLANETARY ASPECT 203 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid
515 (9) PREROGATIVE (The Queen) I Balding 9-0 R Cochrane –
516 (15) 6-6 SALVATORE GIULIANO 22 (Skyline Racing Ltd) B Hills 9-0 W Carson –
517 (1) SCARLET TUNIC (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 B Raymond –
518 (4) 20- TRIPPIANO 184 (Mrs M Burrell) H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone 81
519 (2) 00- ALLESCA 210 (Miss D Kerr) M Usher 8-9 R Price –
520 (18) 0- GREEN CHILI 177 (B Singh) J Hills 8-9 R Hills –
521 (17) SULA MOON (Mrs D Pyatt) C C Elsey 8-9 K Fallon –
522 (19) WINNING APPEAL 184 (W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-9 Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 2-1 Planetary Aspect, 5-1 Arid, 6-1 Gran Senorum, Trippiano, 8-1 Salvatore Giuliano, 10-1 Clouded Elegance, 12-1 Scarlet Tunic, Winning Appeal, 14-1 Just Jamie, 20-1 others.
1992: RIVER DEFENCES 9-0 L Dettori (9-1) P Chapple-Hyam 24 ran

4.30 BRIDGET MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,817: 7f str) (14 runners)

601 (8) ABBRAAK (M Abdullah) B Hanbury 8-11 B Raymond –
602 (4) AKHLAK (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 W Carson –
603 (6) ARRASAS LADY (Mrs O Foster) J Long 8-11 N Adams –
604 (2) CLANDESTINE AFFAIR (C Wright) J Hills 8-11 R Hills –
605 (13) CORN CIRCLE (Miss G Abbey) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 J Reid –
606 (12) MIGAVON (L Snook) W G M Turner 8-11 R Cochrane –
607 (3) MISS MICHELLE (T Bowser) E Wheeler 8-11 S Whitworth –
608 (7) NUMBER ONE SPOT (Helena Springfield Ltd) R Charlton 8-11 Pat Eddery –
609 (10) SHEFFORD (T Barker) M Usher 8-11 B Rouse –
610 (11) SUMMER WIND (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-11 J Williams –
611 (9) SURFINA (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts –
612 (14) SWEET THATCH (L Gaucci) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 Stephen Davies (5) –
613 (1) TRIPLE SALKO (M Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 C Rutter –
614 (5) WINGED VICTORY (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11 L Dettori –

BETTING: 7-2 Number One Spot, 5-1 Abbraak, 6-1 Surfina, Winged Victory, 7-1 Akhlak, Sweet Thatch, 10-1 others.
1992: LOST REPUTATION 8-11 A Munro (6-1) B Hills 15 ran

5.00 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH RACE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,920: 1m 4f 5yd) (8 runners)

1 (5) 31310-0 DEVILRY 15 (F,G) (Lady McIndoe) G Lewis 9-7 Paul Eddery 90
2 (4) 104-3 MOORISH 7 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 9-3 A Munro
3 (7) 530-1 MARROS MILL 19 (D,S) (A Simpson) M Bell 9-0 Pat Eddery 83
4 (3) 40323-4 SAFIR 9 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-13 W Carson 85
5 (8) 603-1 FOREVER SHINEING 11 (D,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-10 R Cochrane 86
6 (6) 3050-43 HOSTILE WITNESS 9 (J Kenny) R Hannon 8-8 M Roberts 87
7 (1) 44006-5 ROMALITO 9 (C McKenna) M Blanshard 8-3 G Carter 88
8 (2) 5-21 HIGH SUMMER 88 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 7-11 N Adams 93

BETTING: 7-2 Moorish, 4-1 High Summer, 5-1 Forever Shineing, Hostile Witness, 6-1 Marros Mill, 8-1 others.
1992: ECLIPTIC 7-6 F Norton (8-1) P Chapple-Hyam 21 ran

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWBURY
BBC1

2.00: Easy Beverley winner **Newton's Law** can make all the running. Blue Judge won a mile maiden at the Curragh, and is bred to improve over today's trip.
2.30: Irish St Leger winner Mashaallah is sure to go well. However, a 6lb penalty as a group one winner makes him vulnerable and **Spring** may take advantage.
3.00: Inchinor, runner-up to Zafonic in the Dewhurst Stakes, narrowly holds Firm Pledge on that form and is reported to have wintered well. Basim, third to Tenby at Longchamp, can chase him home.
3.30: Wednesday's Newmarket winner Will Of Steel is a worthy favourite, but this a far more competitive race. **Amaze** made a winning reappearance over course and distance last season, and has sound claims off the same mark here.

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2.55: Superior Finish put up his best performance when chasing home Young Hustler at Cheltenham, and can cope with the improving Musthaveaswig.
3.25: Cab On Target returned to his best when winning at Aintree and is hard to oppose.
4.05: Run For Free was far from disgraced when runner-up to Docklands Express on fast ground at Aintree, and will be hard to beat. Useful novice Dakyns Boy may show improvement over today's longer trip and rates the main danger.
4.40: The consistent Kalko has sound claims, but a better value proposition is **Liability Order**, who has had a break since disappointing at Haydock in February.

ROBERT WRIGHT

THIRSK

THUNDERER
2.15 Blaster Bates. 2.50 Fylde Flyer. 3.20 Blues Traveller. 3.50 SWORD MASTER (nap). 4.20 Flashman. 4.50 Miss Movie World. 5.20 Forever Diamonds.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 CLIFTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,318: 5f) (7 runners)

1 1 BEST KEPT SECRET 22 (D,F) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 5
2 BLASTER BATES N Bycroft 8-10 D Nicholls 2
3 FIRE MUSIC N Bycroft 8-10 L Charnock 7
4 0 KOMPLICITY 14 Bob Jones 8-10 N Day 4
5 LEPINE J Watts 8-10 G Duffield 3
6 1 OCHOS RIOS 14 (D,F) B Rothwell 8-10 D Harrison (3) 6
7 1 STEADFAST ELITE 19 (D,S) J J O'Neill 8-5 K Darley 1

2-1 Ochos Rios, 9-4 Steadfast Elite, 7-2 Best Kept Secret, 5-1 Lepine, 10-1 Blaster Bates, 20-1 others.

2.50 MICHAEL FOSTER MEMORIAL CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,931: 6f) (6)

1 050- MEDAILLE D'OR 199 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Payne 5-9-8 G Duffield 5
2 2-05 FYLDE FLYER 4 (V,D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-7 J Carroll 1
3 11-2 A PRAYER FOR WINGS 5 (D,F,G,S) J Sutcliffe 9-9-2 W Ryan 2
4 020- DOUBLE BLUE 189 (C,D,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-0 Dean McKeown 6
5 HOPE HALL 36J R Whitaker 5-9-0 A Culhane 3
6 2233 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 51 (S) C Smith 3-8-2 K Darley 4

7-4 A Prayer For Wings, 9-4 Fylde Flyer, 5-1 Medaille D'Or, 6-1 Double Blue, 20-1 Greenwich Challenge, 33-1 Hope Hall.

3.20 THIRSK CLASSIC TRIAL CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £9,594: 1m) (7)

1 411- ARDKINGLASS 282 (F,G) H Cecil 9-4 W Ryan 6
2 15-1 EUROLINK THUNDER 15 (D,G,S) J Dunlop 9-0 K Darley 3
3 11-1 BENEFICIAL 10 (D,F,G) G Wragg 8-12 M Hills 5
4 310- BLUES TRAVELLER 183 (G) B Hills 8-12 D Holland 4
5 103- TYKEYVOR 176 (F) M Tompkins 8-12 P Robinson 7
6 133- COLWAY ROCK 178 (S) J Watts 8-10 G Duffield 2
7 35-4 ERTLON 22 C Brittain 8-10 M Birch 1

11-4 Ardkinglass, 3-1 Blues Traveller, 7-2 Eurolink Thunder, 9-2 Beneficial, 10-1 Tykeyvor, 12-1 Colway Rock, 16-1 Ertlon.

3.50 STRAIGHTLACE LIMITED STAKES
(£3,002: 1m 4f) (9)

1 10/ BELLTON 4J (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-12 T Lucas 7
2 50-3 DUGGAN 17 (D,F,G) P Evans 6-9-12 D Holland 5
3 10-0 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 17 (CD,F) M Hammond 5-9-12 G Duffield 9
4 1-61 GOLDEN TORQUE 4 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-9-12 H Bastiman (7) 6
5 00-4 IN THE MONEY 9 R Hollinshead 4-9-12 W Ryan 3
6 000- JAMES IS SPECIAL 151 (D,G) H Collingridge 5-9-12 J Quinn 4
7 50-0 OLLIVER DUCKETT 17 P Calver 4-9-12 Dale Gibson 8
8 1310 SWORD MASTER 23 (D,BF,G) Bob Jones 4-9-12 N Day 2
9 406- MEDIA STAR 194 (CD,F,G) T Kersey 8-9-7 D Nicholls 1

9-4 Sword Master, 3-1 Golden Torque, 9-2 Bellton, 6-1 In The Money, 8-1 Duggan, 14-1 Olliver Duckett, 16-1 Explosive Speed, 20-1 others.

4.20 BYLAND RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,579: 7f) (10)

1 00-0 CICERONE 10 P Calver 9-0 G Hind 7
2 60-5 FESTIN 9 (B) P Haslam 9-0 Dale Gibson 2
3 24-0 FLASHMAN 21 F Lee 9-0 S Perks 10
4 00-6 INDIAN SECRET 17 S Kettlewell 9-0 J Fortune 4
5 030- NORTHERN BLUFF 212 (V) J Watts 9-0 G Duffield 6
6 005- PYRRHIC DANCE 171 J Hills 9-0 M Hills 1
7 00-0 RUM TEMPEST 30 C Tinkler 9-0 M Birch 8
8 450- BREAKING HEARTS 238 A Stringer 8-9 K Darley 5
9 00-4 CLEAR LOOK 11 (BF) P Cole 8-9 T G McLaughlin (7) 3
10 200- CONTRAC COUNTESS 212 B Rothwell 8-9 D Harrison (3) 9

9-4 Clear Look, 7-2 Pyrrhic Dance, 5-1 Northern Bluff, 7-1 Contrac Countess, 8-1 Flashman, 12-1 Indian Secret, 20-1 others.

4.50 THOMAS LORD HANDICAP (£5,089: 5f) (15)

1 0400- SINGING STAR 198 (CD,F) J Balding 7-9-10 Claire Balding (7) 2
2 230- STORITHS 177 (G) J Watts 3-9-10 M Birch 15
3 00-0 LUCEDEO 10 (CD,F,G) J Spearing 9-9-3 Dean McKeown 6
4 13-0 CATHERINES WELL 10 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 10-9-8 T Lucas 3
5 102- MISTERTOPOGIGO 246 (D,F) B Beasley 3-9-8 D Nicholls 10
6 00-0 PAGEBOY 10 (F) P Haslam 4-9-4 Dale Gibson 9
7 000- NED'S BONANZA 218 (D,F) M Dods 4-9-1 S Webster 7
8 45-2 SARTIGILA 10 M Hammond 4-8-9 G Duffield 1
9 6401 SIR TASKER 16 (V,D,F,G) J Harris 5-8-9 D Holland 13
10 60/0 MACS MAHARANEE 10 (D,F,G) P Felgate 6-8-9 W Ryan 4
11 -065 SLADES HILL 23 (CD,F,G) T Barron 6-8-7 Alex Greaves 8
12 4265 EWALD 18 (D) M Johnston 5-8-5 B Doyle (5) 12
13 0-33 EVER SO LONELY 2 (D,F,S) A Bailey 4-8-4 D Wright (7) 11
14 2-06 MISS MOVIE WORLD 18 (D,S) N Bycroft 4-8-3 L Charnock 14
15 0-05 SHADOW JURY 9 (D,F,G) D Chapman 3-8-0 K Darley 5

3-1 Sir Tasker, 5-1 Ever So Lonely, 6-1 Sartigila, 7-1 Mistertopogigo, 8-1 Storiths, 10-1 Miss Movie World, 12-1 Pageboy, Ewald, 16-1 others.

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,757: 1m) (18)

1 5200 AMENABLE 14 (C,D,F,G,S) R Spicer 8-10-0 A Garth (5) 7
2 4144 NO SUBMISSION 15 (D,G,S) D Chapman 7-9-13 S Wood 9
3 0-01 GOLDEN CHIP 15 (D,F,G) A Stringer 5-9-11 K Darley 13
4 210- FOREVER DIAMONDS 177 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 6-9-8 M Birch 2
5 560- BOURSIN 176 (F,G) P Calver 4-9-8 W Newnes 10
6 02-0 BUZZARDS BELLBUOY 21 (D,G,S) H Collingridge 4-9-7 J Quinn 3
7 000- MAJOR MOUSE 212 (D,F,G) W Haigh 5-9-7 Dean McKeown 14
8 U2-3 COMMON COUNCIL 18 (D,F) M Hammond 4-9-6 G Duffield 15
9 12-0 HOB GREEN 11 (BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5 D Harrison (3) 8
10 000- THORNTON GATE 189 (B,CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 4-9-4 D Pears (5) 1
11 92-3 TALENTED TING 15 (D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-3 Dale Gibson 12
12 50-0 ANNIVERSAIRE 14 Bob Jones 3-8-10 N Day 5
13 -013 CEE-JAY-AY 14 (D,BF,F,S) J Berry 6-8-10 J Carroll 18
14 /03- SUPREME BOY 336 P Harris 4-8-8 F Norton 16
15 3344 WEE SARAH 15 T Barron 5-8-4 Alex Greaves 8
16 600- LEGEND DULAC 170 (D,G,S) J Harris 4-8-0 P Robinson 11
17 02-2 MUMMYS ROCKET 9 A Bailey 4-7-9 A Mackay 4
18 0461 SHANNON EXPRESS 19 (V,D,F,S) E Alston 6-7-9 Claire Balding (7) 17

6-1 Buzzards Bellbuoy, 7-1 Golden Chip, 8-1 Hob Green, Cee-Jay-Ay, 10-1 Forever Diamonds, No Submission, 12-1 Mummy's Rocket, Common Council, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 6 winners from 13 runners, 46.2%; G Wragg, 6 from 14, 42.9%; H Cecil, 8 from 22, 36.4%; B Hills, 4 from 15, 26.7%; M H Easterby, 23 from 158, 14.6%; F Lee, 7 from 48, 14.6%.
JOCKEYS: W Newnes, 8 winners from 31 rides, 25.8%; G Duffield, 20 from 100, 20.0%; M Birch, 25 from 150, 16.7%; S Perks, 7 from 49, 14.3%; S Wood, 8 from 60, 13.3%; Dean McKeown, 14 from 123, 11.4%.

BANGOR

THUNDERER
2.10 Tronchetto. 2.40 Valiant Boy. 3.10 Sikera Spy. 3.45 Desperate. 4.15 Mutual Trust. 4.45 Teaplanter. 5.15 Book Of Runes.
Brian Beel: 4.45 Toureen Prince.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT PATCHES)

2.10 ALFRED McALPINE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,536: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 14F0 DON'T LIGHT UP 17 (V,D,S) J Edwards 7-11-9 N Williamson
2 -014 PRECIPICE RUN 7 (G) G Richards 8-11-9 G McCourt
3 2-5P BRABINER LAD 133 T Luxton 9-11-3 R Garritty
4 3P04 CARAGH BRIDGE 17 M Wilkinson 6-11-3 S J O'Neill
5 0P03 KANO WARRIOR 44 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-3 D Bridgwater
6 605P MEKSHARP 37 (B) J Smith 6-11-3 I Lawrence
7 0510 MIYAKA 31 J Wilson 6-11-3 Mr D McCain (5)
8 0-64 WALLISTRAND 10 J Upson 6-11-3 Mr T Byrne (7)
9 5412 TRONCHETTO 11 (F) J J O'Neill 4-11-2 M Dwyer
10 05P- RAGLAN LADY 416 A Bailey 6-10-12 T Wall
11 36 OLANTHE 29 (B) C Brooks 4-10-10 M Barry (7)

5-2 Tronchetto, 7-2 Don't Light Up, 9-2 Kano Warrior, 6-1 Precipice Run, 10-1 Caragh Bridge, 12-1 Wallistrand, 14-1 Olanthe, 16-1 others.

2.40 ALFRED McALPINE CONSTRUCTION NOVICES CHASE (£3,912: 2m 1f 110yd) (3)

1 1P41 VALIANT BOY 18 (F,S) S Kettlewell 7-11-13 R Garritty
2 3P11 KNIGHT'S SPUR 26 (D,F,G) J Webber 6-11-9 G McCourt
3 P3P4 BALLY PARSON 44 J Chugg 7-11-5 D Bridgwater

2-5 Valiant Boy, 5-2 Knight's Spur, 16-1 Bally Parson.

3.10 ALFRED McALPINE HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,992: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 112P BETTER TIMES AHEAD 15 (CD,G,S) G Richards 7-11-10 G McCourt
2 2112 SIKERA SPY 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 11-11-5 S J O'Neill
3 2F32 BROMPTON ROAD 5 (C,BF,G,S) R Lee 10-11-3 R Garritty
4 30/P0 VULGAN WARRIOR 32 (D,F,G) S Christian 11-11-2 Mr M Armytage
5 U132 PEAJADE 5 (D,BF,G,S) D Nicholson 9-10-12 W Marston (3)
6 0263 RADICAL LADY 5 (C,D,F,G,S) G Moore 9-10-11 J Callaghan
7 1214 DANDY MINSTREL 28 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-11 D Bridgwater
8 0521 MWEENISH 26 (D,G,S) J Webber 11-10-6 M Dwyer
9 6PUP RYMER KING 26 (F,G,S) J Chugg 11-10-5 N Williamson

3-1 Dandy Minstrel, 7-2 Sikera Spy, 5-1 Mweenish, 6-1 Peajade, 7-1 Better Times Ahead, Brompton Road, 10-1 Radical Lady, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 31 winners from 114 runners, 27.2%; N Twiston-Davies, 6 from 26, 23.1%; D Nicholson, 6 from 27, 22.2%; J J O'Neill, 7 from 34, 20.6%; C Brooks, 3 from 15, 20.0%.
JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 9 winners from 45 rides, 20.0%; I Lawrence, 4 from 20, 20.0%; G McCourt, 11 from 63, 17.5%; J Callaghan, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R Garritty, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

3.45 ALFRED McALPINE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,931: 2m 7f 110yd) (10)

1 F0P5 PRIME DISPLAY 10 (G,S) D Sherwood 7-12-0 J McCarthy (5)
2 1202 ANDERMATT 5 (BF,S) J Mackie 6-11-5 N Williamson
3 1445 SWEET CITY 7 (S) G Richards 8-10-13 D Barry (7)
4 P258 TARKOVSKY 5 (V,S) R Lee 8-10-9 Mr M Armytage
5 1-00 AFFAIR OF HONOUR 154 (C,F,S) J J O'Neill 5-10-4 A Dobbin (3)
6 3120 FIRST CRACK 28 (D,F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-3 J Lodder
7 6-51 DESPERATE 4 (C,B,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-0 (6ex) D Bridgwater
8 03U5 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 24 (G,S) W Clay 6-10-0 Diane Clay
9 244P SOLAR CLOUD 16 (F,G,S) M Charles 11-10-0 Judy Davies (7)
10 0-00 EQUITY CARD 42 L Barratt 5-10-0 Gary Lyons

5-4 Desperate, 9-2 Andermatt, 6-1 First Crack, 8-1 Sweet City, 10-1 Tarkovsky, 12-1 Prime Display, Affair Of Honour, 25-1 others.

4.15 ALFRED McALPINE HOMES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,696: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 2-F51 SCOTTISH REFORM 7 (D,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-10 A Dobbin (3)
2 UU44 STARMINE 38 (D,S) J Parkes 7-11-8 R Garritty
3 -U14 MUTUAL TRUST 10 (G,S) G Richards 9-11-0 G McCourt
4 5362 THE LIGHTER SIDE 49 (F,G) M Charles 7-10-12 Judy Davies (7)
5 PU531 TURN'EM BACK JACK 29 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 10-10-12 T Wall
6 3263 PROCTORS ROW 5 (V) D McCain 6-10-8 S J O'Neill
7 -6F5 BRUSHFORD 30 J Wade 9-10-7 K Jones
8 4343 COP FOR THAT 24 Miss J Eaton 11-10-7 N Williamson

3-1 Turn'Em Back Jack, 7-2 Scottish Reform, 9-2 Mutual Trust, 7-1 Starmine, 8-1 The Lighter Side, 10-1 Proctors Row, 12-1 Cop For That, 25-1 Brushford.

4.45 ALFRED McALPINE HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,416: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 1432 CRAFTY COPPER 12 (G,S) P Bradley 9-12-0 B Leavy (7)
2 -530 GADBROOK 15 (B,C,F,G,S) R Lee 11-12-0 M Armytage
3 -PP0 HARLEY 15 (CD,G,S) Miss J Eaton 13-12-0 D McCain (5)
4 PPF- PARK SHADE 366 (F) R Mathew 14-12-0 T Jenks (5)
5 /11-F TEAPLANTER 58 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 10-12-0 R Russell (5)
6 P-41 TOUREEN PRINCE 10 (S) Miss H Knight 10-12-0 J M Pritchard (7)
7 P-6P YOUNG WARRIOR 184 (S) S de Burgh 9-12-0 Mr S de Burgh (7)

11-10 Teaplanter, 5-2 Crafty Copper, 3-1 Toureen Prince, 20-1 Harley, 25-1 Gadbrook, 33-1 others.

5.15 ALFRED McALPINE MINERALS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,463: 2m 1f) (9)

1 1134 ADMIRALTY WAY 17 (D,G) W Clay 7-11-10 Diane Clay
2 3511 BOOK OF RUNES 5 (V,G,S) J Edwards 8-11-1 (6ex) N Williamson
3 -43F ARGAKIOS 73 (V) D Burchell 6-10-11 Mr N Miles
4 555 MUST BE MAGICAL 7 J Mackie 5-10-10 R Garritty
5 3040 CWM ARCTIC 42 Mrs A Price 6-10-5 Mr T Jenks (5)
6 6606 GRAZEMBER 11 R Earnshaw 6-10-0 A Dobbin (3)
7 -314 GAELGOIR 5 (S) C Jackson 9-10-0 W Humphreys
8 P5/4P FOREST LORD 7 D McCain 9-10-0 D Walsh (5)
9 P26P ON CUE 17 K Bridgwater 6-10-0 D Bridgwater

7-4 Book Of Runes, 3-1 Admiralty Way, 6-1 Argakios, Must Be Magical, 10-1 Cwm Arctic, 12-1 Gaelgoir, 33-1 others.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 3.30 Amaze. THIRSK: 4.20 Northern Bluff

STRATFORD

THUNDERER
2.25 Emsboy. 2.55 Alternation. 3.25 Gulburn's Nephew. 3.55 Casting Time. 4.25 Sheer Jest. 4.55 Sayh. 5.25 Ratify.
Brian Beel: 4.25 Sheer Jest.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.25 ILMINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,857: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

1 011F SALMAN 5 (D,F,G) Mrs V Ward 7-11-13 R Davis (5)
2 2411 LUMUMBA DAYS 16 (D,F) M Meade 7-11-4 J Railton
3 3166 ROYAL PRINT 21 (D,F,G) W Muir 4-10-13 D Gallagher
4 2323 PRINCE TINO 36 N Gaselee 5-10-13 G Bradley
5 0211 EMSBOY 14 (B,D,F,G,S) P Cundell 5-10-12 R Greene (3)
6 4012 WEEKDAY CROSS 29 (D,G) J Jenkins 5-10-9 S Smith Eccles
7 8042 DAN DE LYON 23 D Nicholson 5-10-8 R Bellamy
8 2054 CHAPEL HILL 42 A Turnell 5-10-7 D Fortt (7)
9 1060 CARDINAL BIRD 17 (B,D,S) S Mellor 6-10-5 S Earle
10 1032 COLWAY PRINCE 14 (V,D,G,S) A Jones 5-10-4 G Upton
11 0215 CHADWICK'S GINGER 45 (D,BF) B Morgan 5-10-3 L Harvey
12 104F LOXLEY RANGE 23 (V,D,S) O Brennan 5-10-0 M Brennan
13 222- LIGHT-HEARTED LADY 400 (BF) P Murphy 5-10-0 E Murphy
14 04P8 LENTHALL FOX 7 (S) J Needham 7-10-0 R Beggan
15 1320 BABY ASHLEY 17 (D) D Morris 7-10-0 N Mann
16 0426 SALUTING WALTER 17 (V) I Campbell 5-10-0 R Campbell
17 5000 PEDE GALE 53 (B) J McConnochie 5-10-0 M A Fitzgerald

9-2 Salman, 11-2 Lumumba Days, 13-2 Emsboy, 7-1 Prince Tino, Weekday Cross, 8-1 Dan De Lyon, 12-1 Cardinal Bird, Chapel Hill, Royal Print, 14-1 others.

2.55 STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £1,668: 2m 6f 110yd) (12)

1 310P CARRIGEEN LAD 63 (S) N Henderson 6-11-4 J Kavanagh
2 6P03 RUSSELL DALUS 50 (S) S Sherwood 6-11-4 G Upton
3 2084 CLASSIC HUNTER 31 D Barons 5-10-12 J Frost
4 FPP4 DUNKERY BEACON 28 H Howe 7-10-12 Mr G Lewis (7)
5 4P53 LAUNDRYMAN 42 (G,S) S Mellor 10-10-12 S Earle
6 0/P TAILSPIN 172 (B) Mrs J Scrivens 8-10-12 M Foster
7 /R0P CANNING'S COLLEGE 17 R Hawker 7-10-7 Lorna Vincent
8 3-6P CARLINGFORD BELLE 7 J Needham 7-10-7 R Beggan
9 00 KIRBY OPPORTUNITY 17 P Leach 5-10-7 C Maude
10 00/3 LAST SHOWER 25 Miss R Palmer 8-10-7 D Skyrme
11 PP00 THE GORROCK 28 (B) A Chamberlain 4-10-5 B Clifford
12 6463 ALTERNATION 17 J Webber 4-10-0 A Webb

15-8 Russell Dalus, 5-2 Laundryman, 11-2 Alternation, 6-1 Carlingford Belle, 8-1 Carrigeen Lad, 20-1 Classic Hunter, 33-1 others.

3.25 WELFORD HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,571: 2m 4f) (4)

1 4112 GULBURN'S NEPHEW 15 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 11-11-10 C Maude
2 211F BOSTON ROVER 149 (F,G,S) O Brennan 8-10-7 M Brennan
3 11-F BLUE BUCCANEER 156 (BF,G,S) T Forster 10-10-0 L Harvey
4 6211 AIR COMMANDER 23 (CD,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 8-10-0 Mr S Joynes (7)

4-6 Gulburn's Nephew, 3-1 Boston Rover, 11-2 Blue Buccaneer, 13-2 Air Commander.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%; T Forster, 17 from 59, 28.8%; D Barons, 7 from 25, 28.0%; C Brooks, 6 from 23, 26.1%; R Akehurst, 6 from 24, 25.0%; A Turnell, 5 from 22, 22.7%.
JOCKEYS: S Wynne, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; A Tory, 6 from 22, 27.3%; B Clifford, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Foster, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M A Fitzgerald, 4 from 22, 18.2%; R Greene, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

3.55 LONG MARSTON NOVICES CHASE
(£4,034: 3m) (16)

1 4031 DRAGONS DEN 35 (D,G) S Sherwood 7-11-6 G Upton
2 3311 SANDYBRAES 5 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-6 R Bellamy
3 PU1U CASTING TIME 22 (BF,F) D Barons 9-11-2 J Frost
4 F1F3 MERE CLASS 101 (S) C Brooks 7-11-2 G Bradley
5 42FU CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 26 Mrs F Walwyn 7-10-12 R Marley
6 034P COKANN 39 (C,G,S) J McConnochie 7-10-12 D Gallagher
7 PPVFEXTRA GRAND 74 O Sherwood 7-10-12A S Smith
8 6543HAWWAR 38 (D) Mrs A King 6-10-12A Webb
9 0-PELDANINGDALE 161 (B,F,G) R Akehurst 8-10-12 S Smith Eccles
10 04/6 PLENARY 29 J Wharton 10-10-12 B Dalton (7)
11 2634 PRINCE'S COURT 43 (B,D,F) A Turnell 10-10-12 L Harvey
12 26PP SARAH'S WROATH 7 M Scudamore 8-10-12 R Beggan
13 4303 SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 31 (F,S) T Bill 10-10-12 J Railton
14 /0-F SPARTAN MAGIC 7 R Voorspuy 8-10-12 A Tory
15 FP60 THE BUTLER 17 Miss D Baker 7-10-12 V Slattery (5)
16 PP0- THEO'S FELLA 362 (G) G Balding 9-10-12 S Hodgson

3-1 Casting Time, 7-2 Sandybraes, 4-1 Dragons Den, 6-1 Capital Punishment, Princes Court, 8-1 Mere Class, 12-1 Solicitor's Choice, 33-1 others.

4.25 BAULKING GREEN TROPHY HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,668: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 1102 FIFTH AMENDMENT 18 (B,C,D,F,G,S) Mrs F Walwyn 8-12-10 R Ponsonby (7)
2 -111 SHEER JEST 25 (CD,F,G) W Warner 8-12-10 A Hill (3)
3 P/11 ELLERTON HILL 26 (F,G) Mrs J Brown 10-12-7 R H Brown (5)
4 PP20 ALMERIMAR 14 C Wright 9-12-0 C Ward Thomas (7)
5 /P26 BILBROOK 5 (S) R Fear 11-12-0 R Rowsell (7)
6 405- BOLD IN COMBAT 337 (CD,F,G) T Casey 10-12-0 G Lewis (7)
7 F82/ MOU-DAFA 716 (F,G,S) R Lowe 13-12-0 Miss C Burgess (7)
8 /053 PADDYBORO 18 (F,G,S) Miss W Evans 15-12-0 N Bradley (7)
9 PU/P HANNAH MALLIE NICK 70 F Matthews 8-11-9 J Rice (7)

6-4 Sheer Jest, 3-1 Ellerton Hill, 7-2 Fifth Amendment, 10-1 Almerimar, Bilbrook, 14-1 Bold In Combat, 33-1 others.

4.55 STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £1,668: 2m 6f 110yd) (12)

1 64U0 ROYAL PIPER 10 (G) D Barons 6-11-4 L Harvey
2 00- CORPORATE MEMBER 560 G Barrett 6-10-12 R Farrant (5)
3 -00P FELSPAR 67 P Hayward 7-10-12 A Procter (5)
4 040P MICKEEN 47 (G) Miss H Knight 6-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
5 OVERMAN P Hobbs 5-10-12 Mr G Lewis (7)
6 6P05 SINGING DETECTIVE 16 (V) P McEntee 6-10-12 B Crone (7)
7 8008 THE OVERTRUMPER 7 G Roe 6-10-12 P McDermott
8 4502 WATERFORD CASTLE 43 N Gaselee 6-10-12 G Bradley
9 132 SAYH 58 (S) J White 4-10-11 B Clifford
10 4232 CALLAS ELECTRIC 23 D Nicholson 6-10-7 R Bellamy
11 PRINCESS BUSTER J Mullins 9-10-7 S Earle
12 062 BRIGGS LAD 22 K Bailey 4-10-5 J Railton

13-8 Sayh, 9-4 Royal Piper, 6-1 Callas Electric, 8-1 Briggs Lad, 10-1 others.

5.25 SNITTERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,897: 2m 110yd) (17)

1 1-F6 ARABIAN BOLD 17 (D,B,S) N Henderson 5-11-10 J Kavanagh
2 0012 STAR OF THE GLEN 23 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-6 I Lawrence
3 -140 ALBERTITO 14 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-11-3 S Wynne (3)
4 3063 NIKITAS 14 (CD,F,G,S) Miss A Whitfield 8-11-3 L Harvey
5 %013 SIMONE'S SON 17 (B,CD,F,G) G Barnett 5-10-13 R Farrant (5)
6 3102 KING WILLIAM 15F (D,F) J Spearing 8-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
7 0-56 CELTIC BOB 45 (D,F,S) O O'Neill 13-10-9 V Slattery (3)
8 00-0 LOOSE ENDS 302 (D,F) T Caldwell 6-10-9 Pat Caldwell
9 2544 TEL E THON 23 (V,D,F,G) P Jones 6-10-8 D Leahy (5)
10 P013 BIG DIAMOND 5 (B,D,BF,F,G) I Campbell 9-10-8 R Campbell
11 6121 KING'S SHILLING 14 (D,F,G) C Broad 6-10-5 Jacqui Oliver
12 4621 RATIFY 29 (D,G) K Morgan 6-10-3 A S Smith
13 1650 STRIDING EDGE 5 (V,D,F,G) J Jenkins 8-10-3 D Gallagher
14 0025 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 25 (B,D,G,S) J McConnochie 6-10-0 R Bellamy
15 P/00 EQUINOR 10 (D,F) R Bennett 6-10-0 L O'Hara (7)
16 3444 KRONPRINZ 36 (CD,G) M Chapman 6-10-0 W Worthington
17 34F- STANE STREET 322 (CD,G) R Phillips 5-10-0 S Hodgson

11-4 King's Shilling, 9-2 Big Diamond, 7-1 Albertito, Nikitas, Star Of The Glen, 8-1 Simone's Son, 12-1 King William, 14-1 Arabian Bold, 20-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury
Going: good (good to soft back straight)
2.10 (5f 34yd) Turtle Island (J Reid, 13-8 fav); 2, Passing Player (20-1); 3, Baskerville (14-1). 8 ran. 5l, 2l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £2.20, £2.60. DF: £14.50. CSF: £29.09.
2.40 (5f 34yd) 1, Ollantsfontein (G Carter, 16-1); 2, Inherent Magic (11-2); 3, Regal Chimes (100-30). Terrhars 5-2 fav. 8 ran. 2l, nk. R Simpson. Tote: £15.50; £3.20, £1.80. DF: £20.80. CSF: £80.34.
3.10 (7f 64yd) 1, SUEBOOG (W R Swinburn, 5-2); 2, Ribbonwood (M Roberts, 10-1); 3, Secrage (D Holland, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Thewaib (4th), 14 Holly Golightly, 25 Shamisen (5th), Guv's Joy (6th). 7 ran. 3½l, nk, 4l, 8l, 1¼l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £2.00, £3.30. DF: £23.30. CSF: £22.82. 1min 35.22sec.
3.40 (1m 3f 5yd) 1, Cairo Prince (J Reid, 10-1); 2, Master Charlie (50-1); 3, Saint Keyne (12-1). Rainbow Lake 5-4 fav. 12 ran. 7l, ½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £13.30; £2.00, £7.00, £2.30. DF: £182.80. CSF: £319.89.
4.10 (1m) 1, Eastern Memories (Pat Eddery, 13-2); 2, Lyford Cay (6-1); 3, Mr Martini (10-1). Marius 11-2 fav. 12 ran. 2l, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.60; £1.80, £1.90, £3.80. DF: £19.90. CSF: £42.15. Tricast: £354.97.
4.40 (2m) 1, Master Foodbroker (D McCabe, 10-1); 2, City Line (11-1); 3, Hierarch (5-1). Poinciana 9-2 fav. 11 ran. ½l, 1½l. W Musson. Tote: £8.90; £2.80, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £75.60. CSF: £99.30. Tricast: £551.73.
Jackpot: not won (pool of £1,580.19 carried forward to Newbury today).
Placepot: £1,962.80.

Thirsk
Going: good
2.15 (6f) 1, Ashgore (Dean McKeown, 4-1); 2, Folly Vision (9-2); 3, Sarangani Bay (Evens fav). 6 ran. ½l, 3½l. M Johnston. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £8.20. CSF: £19.61.
2.50 (5f) 1, Parkside Lady (S Maloney, 9-1); 2, Palacegate Jo (2-1 fav); 3, Batten's River (3-1). 7 ran. Sh hd, nk. M H Easterby. Tote: £12.10; £3.20, £1.40. DF: £9.70. CSF: £25.35.
3.20 (7f) 1, Gant Bleu (A Culhane, 8-1); 2, Wild Prospect (7-1 jt-fav); 3, Welley Lad (20-1). 4, The Dandy Don (9-1). Sandmoor Denim 7-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. ½l, nk. R Whitaker. Tote: £9.00; £2.70, £1.60, £7.30, £3.20. DF: £14.40. CSF: £54.14. Tricast: £1,014.83.
3.50 (5f) 1, Nights Melody (K Darley, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Palacegate Episode (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Riston Lady (12-1). 6 ran. Hd, ¼l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £3.40. CSF: £10.13.
4.20 (1m 4f) 1, Kasaeb (R Hills, 6-4 fav); 2, Anchor Stone (9-4); 3, Khisal (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Hostile Witness. 3½l, 8l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.20. DF: £2.10. CSF: £5.19.
4.50 (6f) 1, Just Bob (J Fortune, 20-1); 2, Strip Cartoon (11-2); 3, Saladan Knight (8-1); 4, Sully's Choice (14-1). Murray's Mazda 9-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: The Tondy. Hd, 6l. S Kettlewell. Tote: £32.80; £3.60, £1.70, £1.80, £2.50. DF: £39.10. CSF: £122.74. Tricast: £894.18. Placepot: £197.10.

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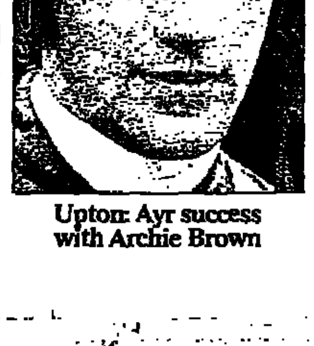
Going: good
2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Archie Brown (G Upton, 10-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Manenee (2-1); 3, Russian Castle (100-1). 10 ran. 15l, 12l. S Sherwood. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.30, £7.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £2.93.
3.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Last 'O' The Bunch (N Doughty, 4-5 fav); 2, Carbisdale (11-2); 3, Interim Lib (7-2). 4 ran. 4l, 3½l. G Richards. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.86.
3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Staunch Friend (A Maguire, 5-1); 2, Native Mission (13-2); 3, Ruling (6-1). Royal Derbi 9-4 fav. 6 ran. 1½l, ½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £5.60; £2.40, £1.90. DF: £9.20. CSF: £30.49.
4.05 (2m ch) 1, Boarding School (B Storey, 2-1 fav); 2, Dante's Inferno (5-2); 3, Silver Haze (14-1). 7 ran. 2l, 7l. C Parker. Tote: £2.80; £2.60, £2.00. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.63.
4.35 (3m 1f ch) 1, Shoon Wind (A Maguire, 6-1); 2, Run Pet Run (3-1); 3, Real Class (100-30). Mr Boston 6-4 fav. 5 ran. 1½l, 20l. M Hammond. Tote: £6.40; £2.80, £1.60. DF: £5.50. CSF: £21.41.
5.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Willie Sparkle (P Williams, 4-1); 2, Firm Price (4-1); 3, Gallateen (11-8 fav). 6 ran. NR: Ambleside Harvest. 5l, 6l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £5.20; £2.10, £1.90. DF: £9.70. CSF: £18.19.
Placepot: £160.70.

Taunton
Going: good
5.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Duke Of Monmouth (J Osborne, 11-10 fav); 2, Abu Muslab (6-1); 3, Chip And Run (3-1). 10 ran. NR: Lucky Again. 15l, nk. S Sherwood. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £9.90. CSF: £9.15.
6.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Raltic (A Flennigan, 8-1); 2, Idling By (9-1); 3, Commanchero (100-30 fav). 14 ran. 1½l, nk. C Broad. Tote: £12.10; £2.90, £3.10, £1.90. DF: £63.60. CSF: £70.99. Tricast: £262.57.
6.30 (3m ch) 1, Tompet (C Llewellyn, 9-2); 2, Corravorrin (16-1); 3, Re-Release (9-2). Coole Dodger 13-8 fav. 10 ran. 5l, 7l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £4.20, £2.50. DF: £51.70. CSF: £82.13. Tricast: £308.44.



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Saturday portrait: Liz McColgan, by David Powell, athletics correspondent

Confident and brash but born to run and bred for success

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN

Liz McColgan, one-time jute mill worker living on a Dundee council estate, has a letter of congratulations from former President Reagan. "She probably wouldn't remember it." Peter McColgan, her husband, says. So much achieved, so much more to accomplish, that correspondence from the White House is forgotten like last week's training schedule.

An invitation from Buckingham Palace makes little impression, either. McColgan was asked to London to collect her MBE. "Too busy training," came the reply. One date was rejected, then another, and another, until, finally, a year later, she found the time. "I suppose anyone else would have said 'I'll not do that run' and have gone," Peter said. But Liz McColgan is as focused as any sportsman or woman on earth.

She has been since she was 14, when she took a part-time job in a chip shop for two years to buy kit and pay for travel to competition. At 15, she skipped school exams to race. "I was studying for six then a race came up," she said. "I asked if I could take them later but my teachers told me 'no'. I went to the race instead of sitting the exams. Even then, my running was everything to me. I left school without any qualifications."

At 16, she ran in half-marathons, breaking the sport's rules. You have to be 18 to race that far. Then, at 26, she trained in a blizzard 12 days after giving birth. "The pain from the stitches was unbearable, but I wanted to get into shape as soon as possible."

And how she succeeded. Within a year, McColgan was the world champion at 10,000 metres, winner of the New York Marathon, world cross-country bronze medal winner and BBC Sports Personality of the Year. That was 1991. In 1992, she set a half-marathon world best, won the world title at that distance and the Tokyo Marathon.

Tomorrow, she is the joint favourite, with Lisa Ondieki, of Australia, to win the NutraSweet London Marathon. Ondieki calls her "the most brash, confident person I have ever met." Why? "Because she talks big about times and world records." McColgan denies she is arrogant. "I'm just being honest. I say the truth."

McColgan, 28, has never been the retiring type. "A real tomboy" is how her mother, Betty Lynch, remembers the schoolgirl. "Always up trees". Now she finds money growing on them. McColgan will be a millionairess before long and has bought a stone-built nineteenth century house in Carnoustie, with seven acres, walled perimeter and separate cottage.

Tomorrow's exercise, with appearance money, prize-money and bonus money, could bring in excess of £200,000. In addition, she is paid well to wear the Japanese sports clothing in which you will see her competing. Not only does the marathon pay win money and bonuses for records but so does her sponsor.

'She obliterated the finest women's line-up ever assembled at the distance, grinding it out from the front, the rest hanging on by their fingertips'

The whispers behind her back are that she is motivated by money. Dark were the looks from around the room when, at her 10,000 metres world gold medal press conference in Tokyo, she pleaded poverty through lack of sponsorship. But, fond of money though she is, she is not mesmerised by it. She could have run in the London Marathon last year and earned a six-figure sum but concentrated on preparing for the Olympics instead.

"If I was in it for the money, I would not be running Olympics and championship races," she said. "I make most of my money out of road races and, if I was motivated by money, I would not be doing track races. I would be in America where the regular money is doing every road race I could."

No arguments, though, that the pay has not been welcome. Her mother was a barmaid, her father an unemployed labourer for much of her growing years. Tayside could offer the teenage Liz Lynch no more than a YTS job in a jute mill. "Weaving, putting spools on machines," she recalls. "It was pretty boring. If it was not for athletics, I would still be working in the mill, if I was lucky. More likely I would be unemployed."

At home, she shared a bedroom with her sister but, being one of four children, there were few treats. "I had a healthy and happy family background, but the upbringing made me tougher and more determined," she said.

McColgan's interest in athletics began at 11 and, in her first serious race, a Dundee Schools championship, she carried on running beyond the finish. The line was not well marked and she wanted to make sure.

She joined the Dundee Hawkhill club but, for many years, there was little indication of the formidable athlete to come. Even by 20, she was not much better than club standard, ranking 63rd in Britain at 3,000 metres. Unexpectedly, she received a phonecall from the American university system: she declined their offer but, persuaded by her parents and coach, changed her mind.

Her years at the University of Alabama were, she says now, the making of her. By 21, she was third at 3,000 metres in Britain and, by 22, Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion. The letter from Reagan came after she was the main contributor to her university winning the NCAA overall indoor title.

However, as her competitive reputation grew, so it became obvious that she was not the complete athlete. She was a box of chocolates with the best sweets missing: she had no finishing kick.

She led the 1987 world cross country until the last kilometre, having to settle for silver. In 1988, she was outsprinted by Olga Bondarenko for the Olympic 10,000 metres title and, in 1989, did most of the work in the world indoor 3,000 metres championship only for Elly van Hulst to pass and leave her second again.

It was with some relief that 1990 brought the Commonwealth Games and McColgan could be a winner again. The opposition was weak. McColgan retained her 10,000 metres title, then had a year out of competition while she had her first child, Eilish.

She earned nothing from racing for 19 months and her shoe sponsor dropped her. What was the point in clothing feet that could not kick? But the McColgan psyche was now at its toughest. All she had to do was get fit enough to run the legs off the opposition so no sprint would be needed. On a humid night in Tokyo at the world championships two summers ago, she did precisely that. She obliterated the finest women's line-up ever assembled at the distance, grinding it out from the front, the rest hanging on by their fingertips until, one by one, they lost grip. "She looked like a tank at a destruction derby," Frank Dick, Britain's chief coach, observed.

Though she achieved much on the roads last year, she could manage only fifth in the Olympic 10,000 metres. But she refuses to accept that, because she lacks a kick, she should turn to the marathon as her championship event. "I will not move up to the marathon until I have fulfilled my potential at 10,000 metres, and I have not done that yet," she said.

By that she means breaking Ingrid Kristiansen's 10,000 metres world record. And she does not doubt that, sooner or later, she will improve the Norwegian's marathon world best of 2hr 21min 06sec. "I think that one day I will be able to break 2:20."

If she does, her shoe sponsor will not mind she had to use two pairs to do it. Her feet differ in size: one is a 7, the other an 8. Long gone are the days in Dundee when she could afford only one pair, running with one shoe pinching her toes. You might have guessed then that here was a girl born to success by her determination.

Leading contenders feel benefits of labour day

David Powell on how motherhood can play a significant part in improving the times of endurance athletes

SINCE pregnancy, apparently, improves athletic performance after childbirth, it is no surprise that the women most likely to occupy the first three places in the NutraSweet London Marathon tomorrow are mothers: Liz McColgan, Lisa Ondieki and Katrin Dorre. So, for that matter, is Andrea Wallace, the next best Briton after McColgan. Ingrid Kristiansen, holder of the fastest time in the world by a woman, set in London eight years ago, improved markedly after becoming a mother.

"Pregnancy is associated with an increase in blood volume that would help the endurance competitor," Dr Craig Sharp, a leading physiologist, said. Once the initial help has worn off, the athletes benefit from having moved onto a higher platform of training, Sharp adds. McColgan, Ondieki, Dorre and Wallace have all improved since having children, but there is something else in the medical cases of the leading two women which is harder to explain.

Why, when thousands of entrants will not even make it to the start tomorrow because of aches and pains, has neither McColgan nor Ondieki ever suffered a training injury? These are the high mileage athletes, running close to 100 a week.

Two years ago, Ondieki slipped on spilt milk on her kitchen floor and missed the world championships. McColgan once broke a kneecap when she tripped on a tree stump. But both say they have never been stopped by an injury brought on by running. Yet medical opinion suggests that women are more likely to be injured than men.

"Women tend to suffer more kneecap pain because their hips are wider, which puts more stress on the knee," Rose McDonald, the London Marathon's chief physiotherapist, said. Sharp says that women distance runners are more vulnerable, too, to stress fractures.

"Of women athletes who exercise strenuously for more than 15 hours a week, perhaps 50 per cent or more will not be menstruating," Sharp said. The effect is a thinning of the bone and greater susceptibility to stress fractures.

According to Leslie Watson, a physiotherapist and former international marathon runner, Ondieki and McColgan avoid one of the most common injuries, sciatica, because of the type of workouts they do. "Their training is high quality and the danger is in doing long, slow runs when you are sagging," Watson said.

"I am more surprised that Liz has not had an injury because she looks more laboured than Lisa. John Anderson, her former coach, used to think that she did not get injured because a lot of injuries are in the mind and she was so strong-willed she would not allow herself to be injured. Lisa's style is fantastic. She is very straight and always looks easy and flowing."

Dr Dan Tunstall Pedoe, the medical director of the London Marathon, says that, proportionately according to the numbers of each sex taking part, more men than women run into trouble during the race. Ondieki says that "women are more sensible, look after themselves and listen to their bodies". Especially the mothers.

Ondieki: sensible

Hill hoping her turn has come

BY ALIX RAMSAY

AFTER three years as the runner-up, Rose Hill is determined to cast off her image as the perpetual Cinderella and finally go to the ball by winning the wheelchair section of the London Marathon.

Last year, with a mile to go, it appeared that her ambitions were about to be realised. Then, Tanni Grey, the Paralympic sprint champion, pulled out of Hill's wake, and beat her to the line. "Every time I look back at that race, I cringe," Hill said. "I was so slow I looked as though I needed winding up. It was embarrassing."

Hill's chances were not helped by a preparation limited by a severe chest infection. But, being Paralympic year, she had to compete to secure her place in Barcelona.

Since last year, Hill has become fitter, faster and leaner — by two stone — after teaming up with the 1985 and 1987 champion, Chris Hallam. His coaching has worked well so far, with Hill finishing two places ahead of Gray in a 15km road race in Florida in February, setting a new British record.

Hill hopes to take advantage of the presence of the German marathon specialist, Lily Angreny. "I hope that Lily and I can drop Tanni in the first 13 miles," she said. "We can't afford to have her there at the finish with her sprinting speed."

The British men will be led by the 1989 champion, David Holding. When he took the title, he was the first man to break the two-hour barrier; now more than half the 61-strong field will expect to beat that time.

To give an added edge to the competition, a prize-money fund has been set up with £1,000 going to the men's and women's champion, and £500 to the two runners-up.

Phil Yates surveys contenders for the world snooker crown

Davis sets sights on seventh title

MARK Twain, who loved billiards, would have sympathised. Reports of snooker's demise have been greatly exaggerated and even the game's harshest critics would have difficulty in describing the Embassy world championship, which begins in Sheffield today, as a wake.

The 17-day marathon, which has unfolded annually at the Crucible Theatre since 1977, carries a prize fund of £1 million, which could rise to £1.1 million if anyone can emulate the 147 maximum break Jimmy White compiled last year.

A cheque for £175,000 awaits the winner on May 3 while the runner-up will be consoled to the tune of £105,000 — £15,000 more than Nick Faldo received for winning the Open Championship at Muirfield last year. Prize-money levels may not tell the whole story but they are a solid indicator of the game's continuing prosperity.

Another is healthy television viewing figures. The honeymoon period of the mid-Eighties, which included a remarkable BBC2 audience of 18.5 million at 12.23am to see Dennis Taylor beat Steve Davis 18-17 on the black in the 1985 world final, is unquestionably over.

Yet a recent survey conducted by AGB Sporting Profiles/BARB suggests that snooker, and particularly the world championship, is still highly popular. In 1992, viewing figures for the world final peaked at 11.6 million, with the average audience for the four-session, two-day match being 8.8 million. Compare that with 8.1 million for the British grand prix, 5.9 million for the cricket World Cup final and 4.3 million for the Open.

With such rich rewards on offer, and a field that provides an intriguing blend of youth and experience, plus the strong possibility of Steve Davis capturing the title for a seventh time, there seems little doubt that this year's championship will again seize the interest of the nation.

Since equalling Ray Reardon's modern record of six world championship wins in 1989, Davis has, for the most part, been a perfectionist in purgatory. He failed to win a ranking tournament for 27 months after prevailing in the 1989 Rothmans grand prix.

Last year's world championship found him at what was possibly his lowest ebb. He was beaten 10-4 in the opening round by Peter Ebdon, a first-season professional who, coincidentally, again provides Davis with his initial opposition.

That defeat stung Davis more than any other. Every aspect of his cue action came in for analysis and, gradually, the benefits of a stubborn refusal to accept that he was in decline began to show.

The turning point came at the European Open in Antwerp in February. Davis produced his most impressive display for four years to beat his great rival, Stephen Hendry, 10-4 in the final.

His recovery continued two weeks later in the British Open before Davis further enhanced his fast-growing confidence by winning the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters for the seventh time.

"I think I've got a realistic chance of winning the championship now," he said. "I'm comfortable at the table and I'm winning in style."

The bookmakers have been unanimous in installing Hendry, the defending champion, as favourite. The Scot, after a barren period, appears to have struck peak form at precisely the right time.

In last week's Sky Sports International Open in Plymouth, where he beat Davis 10-6 in a psychologically important final, he compiled a record ten century breaks.

The strength of the challenge from John Parrott, the world No .2, and White, seeded three, will depend on their ability to bounce back from a sequence of disappointing results.

Notable absentees from the final stages of this year's championship include Ken Doherty, winner of the Regal Welsh Open in January, and the former champions, Joe Johnson (1986), Alex Higgins (1972 and 1982) and Cliff Thorburn (1980).

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	QUARTER-FINALS	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
Stephen Hendry (1) / Danny Fowler				
Darren Morgan (16) / Les Dodd				
Nigel Bond (9) / Spencer Dunn				
Gary Wilkinson (8) / Dean Reynolds				
Neal Foulds (5) / Brian Morgan				
Martin Clark (12) / Karl Payne				
Alan McManus (13) / Ronnie O'Sullivan				
Steve Davis (4) / Peter Ebdon				
Jimmy White (3) / Joe Swail				
Alain Robidoux (14) / Doug Mountjoy				
Dennis Taylor (11) / Tony Drago				
Terry Griffiths (6) / David Roe				
James Wattana (7) / Tony Jones				
Steve James (10) / John Giles				
Willie Thorne (15) / Shaun Mellish				
John Parrott (2) / Stephen O'Connor				

First round (April 17-22): best of 19 frames. Second round and quarter-finals (April 23-26, April 27-29): best of 25 frames. Semi-finals (April 30-May 1): best of 31 frames. Final (May 2-3): best of 35 frames

Prize-money this year totals £1 million. Champion: £175,000. Runner-up: £105,000. Losing semi-finalists: £52,000. Losing quarter-finalists: £26,000. Second round losers: £14,000. First round losers: £8,000. Highest break: £14,400

Numbers in brackets denotes seeds

Dunn dreams of delivering first-class display

OF THE players to compete at the Crucible Theatre since the Embassy world championship found its permanent home there in 1977, none has risen from obscurity so rapidly as Spencer Dunn, a first-season professional from Kingswinford in the West Midlands.

Three years ago, Dunn, 23, was playing in the third division of the Stourbridge League. It was only on the urging of friends that he began to enter local pro-am tournaments, where a number of victories over highly rated players made him realise his potential.

When the former car carpet distributor and postman joined the professional ranks last summer, he had little financial backing. He wrote to the Prince's Youth Business Trust and was awarded a £40 per week grant that enabled him to enter eight of the nine leading ranking tournaments this season.

Dunn's best finish in the first seven events was to reach the last 192 of the Rothmans grand prix. He had one last chance to salvage something from the season and seized it, negotiating ten world championship qualifying matches.

Before beating Mark Bennett, the world No. 27, 10-9 to guarantee his place at the Crucible, he recorded a 10-7 victory over Dave Harold, who captured the Asian Open title in Bangkok last month.

Dunn still plays in his local league, albeit with a premier division team, and is sure of £8,000 even if he loses to Nigel Bond, the world No. 9, in the first round at Sheffield.

It is a huge sum for a player whose previous highest remuneration from snooker was £250 from a pro-am in 1991.

He is determined to prove his qualification was no fluke. "If my game's in shape, I can beat anyone," he said. "I qualified in September and I can't remember a night since when I haven't thought about Sheffield. It always enters my head just before I go to sleep."

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Palmer ready to master Arsenal's matchwinner

Rob Hughes looks at a duel that could decide the Coca Cola Cup final at Wembley tomorrow

THE hunger to be one of life's winners, and the capacity to compound not only your opponent but even those who helped to mould you, are exemplified in two players likely to be direct opponents in tomorrow's Coca-Cola Cup final. Carlton Palmer v Ian Wright may hold the key to Sheffield Wednesday's first encounter with Arsenal in a cup final this season. The two teams meet again in the FA Cup final next month, the first time that both major cups have been fought within a month between the same sides at Wembley.

We have, surely, exhausted all the pros and cons of Wright's temperamental potency. We know that he can win a match in the blink of an eye or bring down the wrath of the game's authorities in even less time than that. But Palmer? Football has barely scratched the surface of the values that hide in his gawky frame, the unlikely application that he is bringing to Wednesday and England. The fact that Palmer, in great pain from three recent injuries, will almost certainly tomorrow attempt to mark Wright, his England colleague, out of the game adds great intrigue to the contest.

There is a doubt. The element of surprise is being guarded closely by both managers, Trevor Francis and George Graham, not surprisingly since £7 million alone rests on these two finals, and beyond that the greater riches of Europe.

"I want to win on Sunday just as much as in the FA Cup final," Palmer said yesterday. He added that the bonus is to appear in Europe and then added that he is even contemplating a future of his own in Italy. Carlton Palmer? This is the player who, on the eve of last summer's European championship, was derided by foreigners.

Michel Platini, then the French manager, laughed when he saw him and exclaimed: "If this is the best England can put out, then it shows how far England's standards have deteriorated."

Palmer has learned to live with such jibes. In his early schooling as a boy out of the Black Country, he was taken aside at West Bromwich Albion by Nobby Stiles and told that its not what you look like, it's the way you perform that counts. In addition, Palmer had another champion, Ron Atkinson, the former West Bromwich manager who paid £750,000 when he took the gangling midfielder to Sheffield Wednesday. Atkinson, who has, perhaps, this country's best eye for a talent, put Palmer in the midst of the smooth Sheffield team he was building to hand over to Francis.

Nevertheless, even he has been surprised by his former protege. Just before leaving Hillsbrough, Atkinson commented that Palmer was "a worse finisher than Devon Loch — when he gets close to goal, we all shout pass". A couple of months later, under Francis, Palmer suddenly struck the first hat-trick of his hit-and-miss career in a league match against Queens Park Rangers.

At that time, it was his ability, with that devastating long stride, that deceptive awkwardness, to spread himself from penalty box to penalty box that made Palmer an effective league player who was called into the national team by Graham Taylor.

Tomorrow, as in the past month, Palmer is a centre-back, put there in emergency, yet showing such application to the task that Paul Warhurst, also bought for £750,000, was himself converted with astonishing results to centre forward.

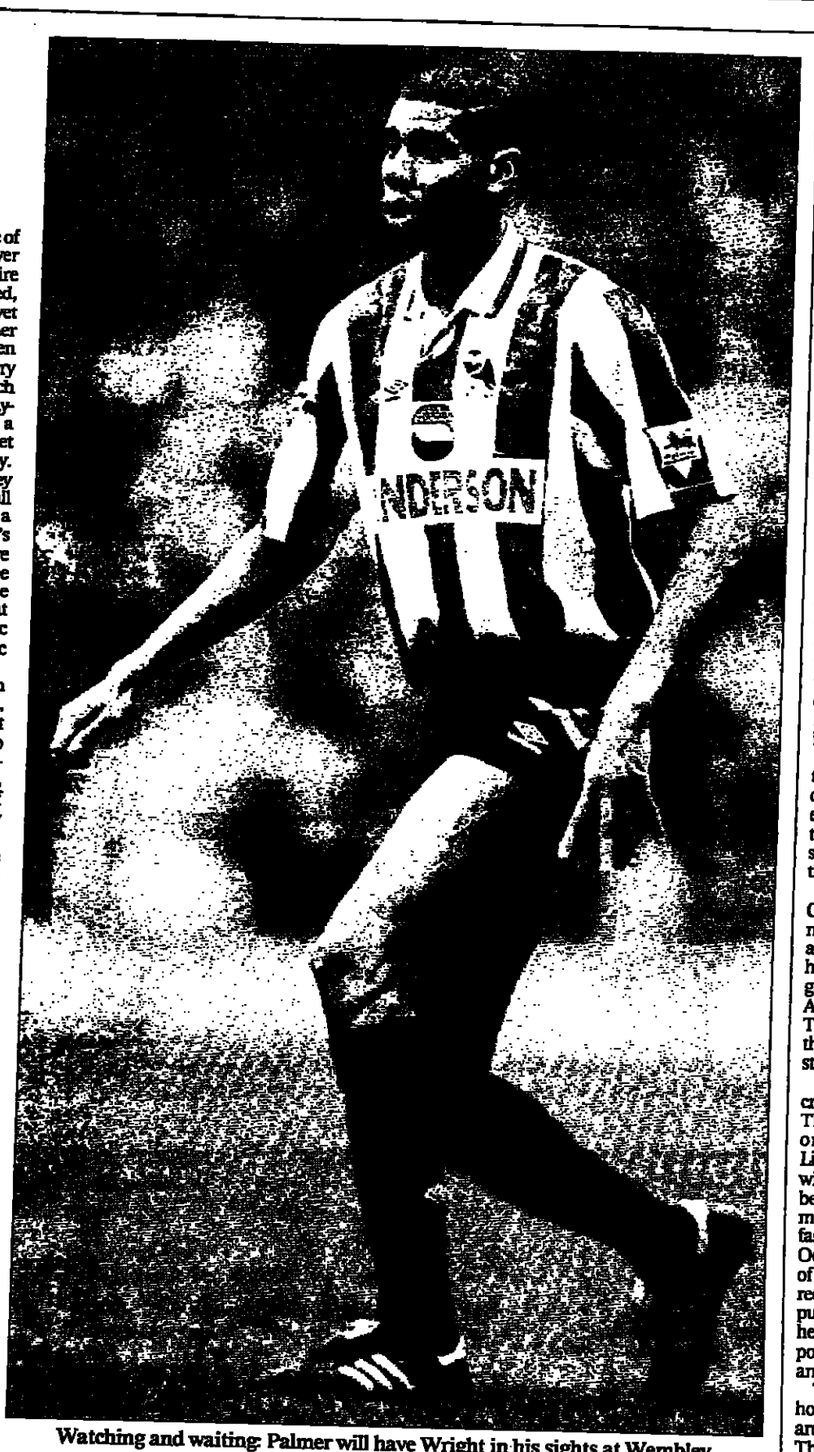
What Palmer has seen at the closest quarters possible is the temperament of Wright, his friend in the England camp, the man whose 52 goals in less than two seasons have repaid his £2.5 million price for Arsenal. The desire of Wright, any Arsenal player will tell you, lifts the entire team. He is never satiated, never truly subdued, and yet when they have been together for England, Palmer has seen Wright suppressed in every game, seen the areas in which he becomes an ordinary player and the positions that a central defender needs to get into to nullify him completely.

Arsenal will know that they have to be quicker to the ball all across the field to beat a team that, in many people's eyes, is the footballing culture club of England. It would be simplistic in the extreme to see this as a contest between that culture and the pragmatic crunch of Arsenal — simplistic and unkind.

You can rest assured that, in cup competitions at any rate, Arsenal have class when it suits them. Paul Merson, who may occupy a role immediately behind the front runners, has that vital element of surprise that can win quality games.

Similarly, Wednesday have not got this far without the will to scuffle as well as the wish to caress the ball. Even if Nigel Winterburn, England's left back-elect, is pressed into midfield to stifle the genius of Chris Waddle at source, there will be other monemental small contests of will and experience.

Arsenal, for example, are likely to rely on two home-made bantams, Ian Selley and Ray Parlour, to ruffle the more experienced John Sheridan in midfield. Sheridan beat Manchester United in this same final two years ago with a spectacular right-foot shot from 20 yards; his temperament cannot always be relied upon, but give him the space and you pay. Selley has the looks of a schoolboy and the snap of a piranha. His manager Graham tells us: "He is one of the hardest tacklers in the club." That is hard and so will the contest be.



Watching and waiting: Palmer will have Wright in his sights at Wembley

ARSENAL

(Probable)
D Seaman
D O'Leary
A Linighan
A Adams (captain)
N Winterburn
R Parlour
R Selley
S Morrow
P Merson
L Campbell (or A Smith)
I Wright

PATH TO THE FINAL: Second round: Millwall (h) 1-1 (Campbell); Millwall (a) 1-1 (aet) (Campbell), Agg 2-2. Arsenal won 3-1 on pens. 3rd: Derby (a) 1-1 (Campbell); Derby (h) 2-1 (Wright, Campbell). 4th: Scarborough (a) 1-0 (Winterburn). 5th: Nottingham Forest (h): 2-0 (Wright, Campbell). Semi-finals: Crystal Palace (a) 3-1 (Wright, Smith 2), Crystal Palace (h) 2-0 (Linighan, Wright). Agg 5-1.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

(Probable)
C Woods
R Nilsson
V Anderson (captain)
C Palmer
P King
C Waddle
J Sheridan
D Wilson
J Harkes
P Warhurst (or D Hirst)
M Bright

PATH TO THE FINAL: Second round: Hartlepool (h) 3-0 (Wilson, Bright, Watson), Hartlepool (a) 2-2 (Bright, Warhurst). Agg 5-2. 3rd: Leicester (h) 7-1 (Bright 2, Wilson 2, Hirst, Worthington, Bart-Williams). 4th: Queens Park Rangers (h) 4-0 (Nilsson, Palmer, Hirst, Bright). 5th: Ipswich (a) 1-1 (Sheridan); Ipswich (h) 1-0 (Warhurst). Semi-finals: Blackburn (a) 4-2 (Wadhurst 2, Harkes, Sheridan); Blackburn (h) 2-1 (Bright, Hirst). Agg 6-3.

Hofbrau skipper expects sprint finish

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN CAPE TOWN

THE final stage of the British Steel Challenge, which gets under way from Cape Town today, promises a close tussle for first place overall between John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric, Group 4 Securitas, skippered by Mike Golding, and Hofbrau Lager, led by Pete Goss.

Chittenden, the most experienced skipper within the fleet, who will become the first sailor to race both ways around the world when he returns to Southampton in a month's time, holds a 7hr 56min lead over Golding and his men. Hofbrau Lager is a further 11 hours astern.

'It's going to be a severe tactical test. It is always difficult to cover two boats at once, especially if they split away," the Nuclear Electric skipper said yesterday as he studied the latest weather charts.

Goss promises to give Chittenden a run for his money. "I'm not concerned about our deficit. Nineteen hours is nothing if his crew gets caught in the doldrums or Azores high-pressure system. This is going to be a sprint to the finish and we are basically starting on level terms."

Golding and his Group 4 crew are equally determined. They may be sailing without one crewman. Simon Littlejohn, who has had to withdraw from the race because of torn knee ligaments, but their boat proved fastest across the Southern Ocean from Cape Horn. Part of their secret has been to recruit Vincent Geeke, a computer specialist who has helped Golding's men to pinpoint their optimum sailing angles.

The best feature of this race, however, is that all ten yachts are equal in every respect. That gives each crew an equal chance of being first back to Southampton, whatever may have befallen it before. One team with the strongest desire to steal the limelight is Richard Tudor's British Steel II crew. It won the first stage of this marathon to Rio, but then lost it rig midway between Cape Horn and New Zealand and now lie last within the fleet, almost 12 days behind the leaders.

"The crew are really fired up. We've all got something to prove to ourselves as much as everyone else. We are going for it, from the moment the gun fires," Tudor said.

With other yachts, the divide between racing and cruising has not always been so clear-cut. Interspray's crew, for example, has been dogged by bad luck since Cape Horn, but only now has the reason emerged: during the last stage from Hobart, when the skipper, Paul Jeffes, was laid up in his bunk with a poisoned leg, other members of his crew slipped a fishing line over the stern.

They caught an albatross. Its legs became so entangled in the line that, at one point, the bird was waterskiing behind the boat before the nylon snapped.

Teesside were the only crew not to beat them, but they too have a fishing tale to tell: MacGillivray and his crew caught a 40kg tuna and they had to stop sailing for half an hour to land it.

OVERALL POSITIONS (after three legs): 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 115hr 10min 29sec; 2, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 115:18:25; 3, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 116:05:28; 4, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 117:10:40; 5, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cleary), 118:07:51; 6, Interspray (P Jeffes), 118:10:20; 7, Pinda of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 119:03:53; 8, Phone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 123:00:25; 9, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 123:20:58; 10, British Steel II (R Tudor), 127:03:41.
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Counties will miss spectacle

BY BRYAN STILES

LANCASHIRE fear that even though they are likely to defeat Yorkshire at Twickenham this afternoon and capture the county championship trophy for a record sixteenth time, there will probably be a hollow ring to the occasion.

Only 7,000 paying customers are expected to turn up, compared with the 50,000 who had the stadium in uproar last year when they beat Cornwall in the final.

The absence of Cornwall's "Trelawny's army" of supporters will rob the occasion of much of its spectacle, but Lancashire have a rapport with the competition, which next year will indulge in its seventh format, and are confident they can win this historic 100th Roses encounter. Next year, players from the top two divisions of the Courage Clubs Championships will not participate, effectively devaluing the competition.

LANCASHIRE: S Tabarner (Orrell); P Hamer (Orrell), G Ainscough (Orrell), S Langford (Orrell), S Bromley (Rugby); A Handley (Waterloo), C Severinmutto (Waterloo), J Russell (Broughton Park), G French (Liverpool St Helens), D Southern (Orrell, capt), S Gallagher (Orrell), R Kimmins (Orrell), N Allott (Waterloo), N Ashurst (Orrell), M Kendrick (Sale).
YORKSHIRE: R Thompson (Wakefield), J Eagle (Leeds), D Edwards (Wakefield), P Johnson (Leeds), J Sleightholme (Wakefield); R Lilley (Wakefield), A Crowley (Bradford and Bingley), M Vincent (Wakefield), T Garnett (Wakefield), S Rice (Otley), S Tipping (Otley), I Carroll (Wakefield), D Baldwin (Sale), P Buckton (Waterloo, capt), C Vyvyan (Upper Wharfedale).

Tonga send Australia tumbling

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE South Sea islanders are taking it in turns to make their name at seven-a-side rugby. The kings of sevens, Fiji, were dethroned in Hong Kong last month by Western Samoa and in Edinburgh yesterday, in conditions as far removed from their native islands as possible, Tonga created the upset of the first day of the Rugby World Cup Sevens by beating Australia.

A prerequisite of a successful sevens tournament is good weather. The Scottish Rugby Union can guarantee many things, but not sunshine. The crowd grew from around 2,000 at the 10am start to a generously estimated 18,000 by the 6.30pm close, a drizzly rain joined the brisk wind to make it a numbing eight hours for the enthusiast.

Fiji, still the favourites, were thus more than pleased to have played in the morning. Filimoni Seru scoring the first try of this inaugural tournament, an 85-metre gallop against a brave Latvian side making its bow on the international scene. He was followed by some delightful cameos, of Paul Blom scoring first for Holland against New Zealand, of the Japanese giving Fiji a run for their money, of Vjaceslavs Snetkovs crossing for Latvia's first try, against Romania.

Also in evidence was the perennial problem of modern sevens — the absence of a realistic offside law that allows players to hang around among the ball carrier's colleagues. It is something which Peter Thorburn, the New Zealand coach, believes must be addressed. Bob Dwyer, of Australia, thinks it could take the "intrigue" out of the game by making it too predictable, and adds a less than flattering comparision with rugby league.

Dwyer, however, had other worries after Tonga had upset his side (for the second time in a month after their win in Fiji), leading for most of the match and then winning it in the last seconds through 'Isi Tu'ivai's dropped goal. Neither Grant Lodge (strained tendon) nor Michael Lynagh (groin strain) are fully fit and the absence of Tim Horan and Jason Little, both playing for Queensland in the Super Ten tournament, must be taken into account. "If we were going to do well we had to start well and improve gradually, and we certainly haven't done that," Dwyer said.

What of the Brits? Scotland, whose preparation for this tournament has been more extensive than any, staggered against Tonga and fell against Argentina; the Irish were delighted to make their way past France 17-7, but Wales suffered heavily at the hands of South Africa and, since they have still to play Fiji, may not come in the top two from pool A who will go forward to tomorrow's quarter-finals.

England have been blessed by the draw. They began with the softest options in their pool, Hong Kong and Spain, which allowed them to score points without needing to play well and adjust to the sound of a stadium that greeted them with boos and cheered their opponents' every move. Given the absence of match practice such a comfortable start was an absolute necessity before they meet Western Samoa, Canada and Namibia today.

"There are two divisions in this tournament, and the first is a very aggressive group," Peter Rossborough, the England manager, said, "If we are to join them, we must compete for the ball far more aggressively." But England have pace: Andrew Harriman scored two tries in each match, as did Damian Hopley, who played centre against Hong Kong and hooker against Spain.

DETAILS FROM MURRAYFIELD

POOL A: Fiji 42, Latvia 0; South Africa 28, Japan 5; Wales 33, Romania 7; Fiji 28, Japan 17; Romania 22, Latvia 5; South Africa 36, Wales 14; Fiji 40, Romania 0; Wales 35, Japan 7; S Africa 47, Latvia 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiji	3	3	0	0	110	17	9
S Africa	3	3	0	0	111	24	9
Wales	3	2	0	1	82	50	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	29	78	5
Japan	3	0	0	3	29	91	3
Latvia	3	0	0	3	10	111	3

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Fiji v Wales (3.06); Japan v Latvia (3.40); Romania v S Africa (3.23); Fiji v S Africa (4.48); Romania v Japan (5.22); Wales v Latvia (5.05).

POOL B: New Zealand 49, Holland 7; France 22, United States 7; Ireland 21, South Korea 12; New Zealand 19, United States 5; South Korea 28, Holland 12; Ireland 17, France 7.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	2	2	0	0	38	21	6
N Zealand	2	2	0	0	68	12	6
France	2	1	0	1	31	24	4
Korea	2	1	0	1	40	33	4
Holland	2	0	0	2	19	77	2
United States	2	0	0	2	12	41	2

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Holland v France (2.49); N Zealand v Korea (2.15); US v Ireland (2.32); Korea v France (4.14); N Zealand v Ireland (3.57); US v Holland (4.31); Ireland v Holland (5.56); Korea v US (6.13); N Zealand v France (5.39).

POOL C: Australia 29, Taiwan 0; Scotland 15, Tonga 7, Argentina 17, Italy 7; Tonga 10, Australia 7; Italy 15, Taiwan 14; Argentina 14, Scotland 10; Australia 40, Italy 0; Tonga 17, Argentina 5; Scotland 36, Taiwan 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	3	2	0	1	36	34	7
Australia	3	2	0	1	75	10	7
Scotland	3	2	0	1	61	28	7
Tonga	3	2	0	1	34	27	7
Italy	3	1	0	2	22	71	3
Taiwan	3	0	0	3	19	79	3

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Australia v Argentina (10.51); Italy v Scotland (11.08); Tonga v Taiwan (11.25); Argentina v Taiwan (12.50); Australia v Scotland (12.33); Italy v Tonga (1.07).

POOL D: England 40, Hong Kong 5; Western Samoa 47, Spain 0; Canada 21, Namibia 7; England 31, Spain 0; Hong Kong 19, Namibia 17; Western Samoa 28; Canada 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	71	5	6
W Samoa	2	2	0	0	75	14	6
Canada	2	1	0	1	35	35	4
Hong Kong	2	1	0	1	24	57	4
Namibia	2	0	0	2	24	40	2
Spain	2	0	0	2	0	78	2

TODAY'S FIXTURES: England v Namibia (10.0); Hong Kong v Western Samoa (10.0); Spain v Canada (10.17); England v Canada (11.42); Namibia v Western Samoa (11.59); Spain v Hong Kong (12.16); Canada v Hong Kong (1.41); England v Western Samoa (1.24); Namibia v Spain (1.58).

TOMORROW: Quarter-finals (top two in pools qualify for league play-off rounds; first game starts at 10.00). Semi-finals (first at 2.32) Bowl final (3.06); Plate final (3.41); Final (4.18).

Norwich hoping for late reprieve

BY KEITH PIKE

NORWICH City, who revived their faltering hopes of the Premier League title by beating Leeds United 4-2 on Wednesday, can only sit and hope for the best this weekend. By the time they play Ipswich Town at Portman Road on Monday, even the eternal East Anglian optimists may have conceded the championship.

Should Manchester United beat Chelsea at Old Trafford today, the leaders will open a seven-point gap on Norwich, who have three games left, and move four points clear of Aston Villa, who entertain Manchester City tomorrow.

Norwich's only realistic hopes of a place in European competition for the first time would then rest with either Arsenal or Sheffield Wednesday completing the FA and Coca-Cola Cup double, which would see the club finishing third — Norwich are nine points clear of Blackburn Rovers, the fourth-placed team — and given entry into the Uefa Cup.

With Bruce, their captain, likely to have recovered from a thigh strain, and with McClair, Parker, Ince and Irwin dispelling doubts about their fitness yesterday, United should be at full strength.

Villa will be without Teale, their central defender, who is suspended, but might not have to contend with the City strikers Quinn, White and Sheron, who are all struggling to be fit.

In the first division, Portsmouth will replace the season-long leaders, Newcastle United, if they win at Notts County and Newcastle lose at Millwall.

England will resist demands by Fifa, the world governing body, to introduce professional referees by the turn of the century after a successful experiment in Italy this season. "We can't accept professional football being refereed by amateurs any more," Guido Tognoni, a Fifa spokesman, said. "We have to move with the times. It will be hard but Fifa has stopped appealing to national associations. We now want them doing something and working on that project."

But the call has been criticised by Colin Downey, the FA referees' officer. "We do OK in this country with things as they now stand," he said. "That is because most of our referees adopt a very professional attitude. We don't believe that making them full-time and paying them a very large salary will make them any better."

Barry Fry, who left Barnet to take over as manager of Southend United, is suing his former club for £100,000 he claims is owed him.

CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Cambridge Univ v Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 380-5 dec (J E Morris 136, T J G O'Gorman 130 not out, D G Cork 58 not out).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Crawley b Whittall	42
P D Bowler not out	73
C J Adams c Crawley b Whittall	16
Extras (lb 5)	6
Total (2 wkts dec)	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-137.

BOWLING: Charlesworth 13-3-29-0; Haste 10-2-28-0; Whittall 10-1-4-26-2; Miller 6-0-20-0; Pearson 14-1-28-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 140 (Crawley 73; Cork 3-21; Sladdin 3-56)

Second Innings

*J P Crawley c O'Gorman b Sladdin	32
G W Jones lbw b Morris	17
J P Carroll b Sladdin	13
G M Charlesworth not out	20
R Cake not out	10
Extras (b 2, w 4)	6
Total (3 wkts)	98

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-59, 3-84.

BOWLING: Cork 10-4-17-0; Warner 8-4-16-0; Sladdin 24-15-20-2; Griffith 8-1-16-0; Adams 8-2-10-0; Bowler 2-0-8-0; Morris 5-1-6-1, Base 2-1-3-0.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P Adams.

Oxford Univ v Durham

DURHAM: First Innings 191

Second Innings

G Fowler c Malik b Jeh	50
W Larkins c Montgomerie b Gallian	36
P W G Parker c Lovell b Jeh	39
P Bainbridge b Jeh	27
J A Daley c Jeh b Malik	1
I Smith b Jeh	34
†C W Scott c Lovell b Malik	1
P J Berry not out	39
J Wood not out	12
Extras (b 2, lb 6, nb 4)	12
Total (7 wkts dec)	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-119; 3-160; 4-161; 5-165; 6-199; 7-233.

BOWLING: Jeh 28-8-46-4; Gallian 13-3-50-1; MacDonald 19-6-48-0; Yeabsley 11-3-37-0; MacMillan 10-1-44-0; Malik 11-6-18-2.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 86 (Brown 3-19, Wood 3-41)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie c Parker b Berry	29
*J E R Gallian st Scott b Graveney	23
G I MacMillan c Parker b Graveney	51
G B T Lovell b Graveney	17
C L Keey c Graveney b Smith	70
C M Gupte c Smith b Graveney	7
H Malik not out	13
M Jeh not out	2
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 6)	14
Total (6 wkts)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-60, 3-79, 4-202, 5-202: 6-221.

BOWLING: Wood 3-0-7-0; Brown 12-1-46-0; Smith 11-1-35-1; Graveney 35-16-49-4; Berry 22-3-62-1; Bainbridge 5-1-24-0.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P Willey.

AND THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 2, Houston Astros 1; Colorado Rockies 5, New York Mets 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, San Diego Padres 4 (13 inns); St Louis Cardinals 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; San Francisco Giants 6, Atlanta Braves 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 3, Seattle Mariners 1; Detroit Tigers 3, Oakland Athletics 2; Kansas City Royals 5, New York Yankees 4; Boston Red Sox 4, Cleveland Indians 3 (13). Postponed: California Angels v Milwaukee Brewers.

BOWLS

BLACKPOOL: Waterloo spring tournament: Third-round winners: A Gaffney (Blackburn); C Grimshaw: Leigh; M Knowles; Salford; J Kelly; Eccles; K Strutt; Diggle; D Stone (Stoke-on-Trent).

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match: Group one: Malta 1, Switzerland 4.
LIBERTADORES CUP: Second round, second leg: Minerven (Ven) 0, Flamengo (Br) 1 (Flamengo win 9-2 on agg); Barcelona (Ec) 3, Universitario (Peru) 0 (Barcelona win 4-2 on agg); Bolivar (Bol) 1, América (Col) 1 (América win 3-2 on agg); São Paulo (Br) 4, Newell's Old Boys (Arg) 0 (São Paulo win 4-2 on agg); Atlético Nacional (Col) 2, Universidad Católica (Chile) 1 (Universidad Católica win 3-2 on agg); Olimpia (Para) 3, Nacional (Montevideo) (Uru) 0 (Olimpia win 5-1 on agg); Sporting Cristal (Peru) 4, Nacional (Quito) (Ec) 0 (Sporting Crustal win 4-3 on agg); Cobreloa (Chile) 0, Cerro Porteno (Para) 2 (Cerro Porteno win 3-1 on agg).
JERSEY: English schools festival: Bishop Auckland 3, South Oxford 1; Reading 0, Maidstone 3; Gloucester 2, Thurrock 2; Hackney 3, Jersey 0; West Cornwall 2, Gravesham 3; Orpington 2, Washington 4; Chiltern 2, Newbury 3.
ISLE OF WIGHT: English schools festival: Salford 1, Blackheath 1; Brierley Hill 2, Reading 4; Gosport 1, Tameside 4; Coventry 0, Leeds 3; Vale of White Horse 5, Gravesham 1; Allerdale 1, East Cornwall 6; Plymouth 1, Sheffield 4; Peterborough 1, Oxford 1; East Berkshire 2, Manchester 1; Isle of Wight 4, Scunthorpe 1; Havant 0, Wellingborough 0; Gateshead 3, Bury 2; Bishop Auckland 1, Huntingdon 0; Bradford 7, Portsmouth 0; Cambridge 2, Doncaster 1.
Late results on Thursday
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Wycombe 5, Runcorn 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Hungary 0, Sweden 2 (in Budapest).
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Lancaster 1, Notts County 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 2, Watford 1; Norwich 1, West Ham 1.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Newport IoW 0, Buckingham 1; Witney 2, Dunstable 2.
ISLE OF WIGHT: English schools festival: Brierley Hill 3, Portsmouth 0; Gosport 3, Doncaster 2; Bradford 4, Scunthorpe 0; East Berkshire 0, Tameside 3; Havant 2, Leeds 1; Isle of Wight 0, Cambridge 5; Coventry 0, Salford 3; Allerdale 0, Wellingborough 2; Gateshead 1, Manchester 1; Bury 1, Reading 4; Bishop Auckland 1, Gravesham 0; Peterborough 4, Plymouth 1, Blackheath 3, Sheffield 1; Huntingdon 2, Oxford 1.
MORECAMBE: English Gillette festival: Berkshire 2, Northumberland 1; Cumbria 1, Dorset 4; Kent 3, United States East 1; Shropshire 2, Middlesex 1; West Midlands 3, Essex 2; North Yorkshire 3, Isle of Man 1; West Yorkshire 1, Cornwall 0; Lancashire 3, Avon 1; Lancashire 1, Durham 4; South Yorkshire 0, USA North 2; Somerset 2, Northamptonshire 1; Greater Manchester 1, Independent Schools 2; Nottinghamshire 2, Merseyside 1; Hampshire 4, Hertfordshire 0.

BASKETBALL

ATHENS: European Cup: Final: Limoges (Fr) 89, Banaston Treviso (It) 55. Third place play-off: PAOK Salonika (Gr) 76, Real Madrid (Sp) 70.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 106, New Jersey Nets 105; Philadelphia 76ers 101, Orlando Magic 85; Washington Bullets 110, Miami Heat 92; Utah Jazz 122, Portland Trail Blazers 117; Cleveland Cavaliers 108, Milwaukee Bucks 93.

GOLF

CASTELGANDOLFO: Rome Masters: Leading second-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 136: C Rocca (It), 68, 68. 137: J Spence, 67, 70. 139: A Hunter, 68, 71. 140: D Hospital (Sp), 71, 69; G J Brand, 71, 69; G Turner (NZ), 72, 68; B Lane, 69, 71. 141: D Smyth, 74, 67; A Binaghi (It), 70, 71; D A Russell, 72, 69; E Canonica (It), 72, 69; J Robinson, 70, 71; F Nobilo, 68, 73; J Townsend (US), 68, 73. 142: G Ralph, 77, 65; G Call (It), 70, 72; P Curry, 74, 68; J Payne, 70, 72; M Besancenay (Fr), 69, 73; J van de Velde (Fr), 66, 76. 143: P Dunci (Switz), 72, 71; S McAllister, 71, 72; M James, 72, 71; P Baker, 71, 72; U Zilg (Ger), 76, 67; P Wey, 72, 71; M Gatss, 72, 71; H P Thuel (Ger), 71, 72; F Lindgren (Swe), 74, 69. 144: S Bennett, 72, 72; H Selby-Green, 72, 72; M Lanner (Swe), 74, 70; C Mason, 73, 71; M McLean, 72, 72; S Grappasonni (It), 69, 75. 145: P Eales, 72, 73; P Mayo, 73, 72; G Ow, 73, 72; H Clark, 71, 74; R Winchester, 75, 70; A Mednick (Swe), 73, 72; P Fowler (Aus), 71, 74; J Sewell, 70, 76; S Torrance, 73, 72; J Mol-lenny, 74, 71; G Brand Jr, 72, 73. 146: D Basson (SA), 75, 71; J Carriles (Arg), 76, 70; J Hall, 74, 72; P Lawrie, 72, 74, C Rauterson (US), 74, 72; D Gilford, 73, 73; I Garbutt, 75, 71; S Luna (Sp), 75, 71; L Vannet, 75, 71; D Williams, 71, 75; A Lubouc (Fr), 69, 77; W Riley (Aus), 71, 75; S Struver (Ger), 70, 76; L Jones 71, 75. 147: S Ray (Switz), 76, 71; J Rozadilla (Sp), 76, 71; B Malley (US), 74, 73; R Claydon, 75, 71; B Dassu (It), 73, 68; E O'Connell, 76, 71; A Bossen (Switz), 75, 72; T Pianchin (Fr), 74, 73; A Cejka (Ger), 74, 73; G Hjertstedt (Swe), 75, 71; D Clarke, 71, 76; R Goosen (SA), 76, 71; O Eskildsen (Swe), 72, 75; J Evans, 74, 73; P Walton, 71, 76. All others failed to qualify.
KUMAMOTO: Bridgestone Aso Open: Leading second-round scores (Japanese unless stated): 135: K Murota, 68, 67. 137: T Nishikawa, 68, 71. 138: B Hughes (Aus), 70, 68; S Kewamata, 68, 70, Kyi Hla Han (Burma), 68, 70; S Ebihara, 68, 70; T Sudo, 68, 70; K Takahashi, 67, 71. Other foreign scores: 142: L Chi-hsiang (Taiwan), 74, 68. 143: L Stove (Aus), 73, 70. 144: B Ogle (Aus), 73, 71; P Senior (Aus), 72, 72; S Simson (Sing), 72, 72. 145: S Appleby (Aus), 75, 70; C Tze-ming (Taiwan), 72, 73; H Min-nan (Taiwan), 70, 75. 146: R Gibson (Can), 73, 73. 147: T Gale (Aus), 73, 74. 148: G Meyer (US), 72, 76.
ALLOA: VAT Scottish assistants championship: Leading final scores: 280: J Wither (Paisley), 72, 67, 67, 74. 284: S Handerson (Kings Links), 68, 71, 72, 73. 285: S McGregor (Glasgow), 76, 68, 72, 69. 287: C Everret (Caldwell), 75, 71, 73, 68. 288: A Elliot (Buchanan Castle), 75, 69, 72, 71. 289: C Clark (Hagley), 74, 70, 74, 71; I Peek (Steigenberger GR), 68, 75, 74, 72; A Crerar (Blairgowrie), 70, 73, 73, 73.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 7, Buffalo Sabres 4; Detroit Red Wings 5, Minnesota North Stars 3; Chicago Blackhawks 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; St Louis Blues 6, Tampa Bay Lightning 5; Winnipeg Jets 3, Edmonton Oilers 0; Calgary Flames 7, San Jose Sharks 3; Vancouver Canucks 8, Los Angeles Kings 6.
HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Billingham Bombers 2, Nottingham Panthers 8; Brecknell Bees 3, Cardiff Devils 8; Fife Flyers 3, Murrayfield Racers 12; Whitley Warriors 5, Humberside Seahawks 7. Promotion/relegation play-offs: Milton Keynes Kings 10, Slough Jets 4; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 8, Sheffield Steelers 5, Romford Raiders 8, Durham Wasps 3; Swindon Wildcats 7, Basingstoke Beavers 11.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Leeds 28, Leigh 26.
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Wakefield Trinity 16 Halifax 40.

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ALLOA BREWERY CUP: Second round: Currie 23, Kirkcaldy 7; Glasgow High/Kelvinside 10, Stewarts/Melville FP 45; Edinburgh Academicals 43, Cambuslang 5; Stirling County 47, Glasgow Academicals 3; Howe of Fife 18, Dunfermline 13 (aet).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich 47, Wolverhampton 81. Second division: Middlesbrough 51, Glasgow 57, Sheffield 61, Edinburgh 47

SQUASH

LAMB'S CLUB: Hi-Tec British Open championships: Men: First round: P Whitlock (Eng) bt C van der Wath (SA), 9-4, 9-0, 8-9, 9-5; P Marshall (Eng) bt A Davies (Wales), 9-2, 9-5, 9-0; S Elopuro (Fin) bt H Wiens (Ger), 8-10, 9-4, 9-2, 9-0 dtd; C Dittmar (Aus) bt S Frienz (Ger), 9-6, 9-3, 9-0. Second round: C Dittmar (Aus) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 9-2, 9-5, 9-5; P Marshall (Eng) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 7-9, 9-8, 9-2, 10-8; B Martin (Aus) bt G Waite (Can), 9-5, 9-0, 9-6; R Eyles (Aus) bt C Walker (Eng), 9-4, 9-6, 9-1. Women: Second round: M Martin (Aus) bt S Cowdry (SA), 9-0, 9-3, 9-3; F Geaves (Eng) bt S Suck (Ger), 9-3, 9-0, 9-4; H Wallace (Can) bt T Weeks (Aus), 9-1, 9-4, 9-2; S Brady (Aus) bt A McArdle (Ire), 9-3, 9-3, 9-1; C Jackman (Eng) bt P Beams (NZ), 9-3, 9-1, 8-2; S Horner (Eng) bt J Marton (Eng), 9-5, 9-4, 9-1; L Irving (Aus) bt R Macrae (Eng), 9-0, 9-4, 10-8; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt L Chairman (Eng), 9-1, 9-2, 9-0; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt S Mactie (Eng), 9-3, 9-3, 9-3.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON: Reebok tournament: Tableau finals (GB unless stated): Men: C Beecher bt C Wall, 6-3, 6-2; N Fulwood bt P French, 6-3, 6-2. Women: A Grunfeld bt F Stoner, 6-3, 6-1; S Parkhomenko bt J Boden, 6-0, 6-1; N Egorova bt C Taylor, 6-1, 6-1; A Simpkin bt E Bond, 8-1, 5-7, 6-4, S Gomer bt E Burton, 6-1, 6-0
CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: Men's tournament: Second round: C Mezzadri (Switz) bt D Witz (US), 6-2, 6-4. Quarter-finals: H de la Perle (Arg) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-2, 6-3.
NICE: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Goellner (Ger) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-0, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-2; I Lendl (US) bt P Korda (Cz Rep), 1-6, 6-2, 6-0; F Santoro (Fr) bt F Davin (Arg), 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.
HONG KONG: Salem Open: Quarter-finals: J Courier (US) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-2, 6-3; P Sampras (US) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-4, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt K Carlsen (Den), 7-6, 6-2; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt B Steven (NZ), 7-6, 7-5.
PATTAYA, Thailand: Women's tournament: Third round: P Pandick (US) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-2, 6-3; M Werdel (US) bt S Tezud (Fr), 6-2, 6-1.

SPORT

Officials dismiss fears of Aintree-style muddle

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE thirteenth London Marathon tomorrow will be unlucky for some but not for Sir Ranulph and Lady Virginia Fiennes, official starters. The assurance comes from Chris Brasher, the race founder. False start? "There will not be one," Brasher said yesterday.

The Grand National is not alone as a big sporting event to have suffered a false start. In the United States last November the New York Marathon, with 28,000 participants on three starting lines, was left blushing when the men at the Blue Start jumped the traditional cannon shot. Others waited patiently for the true send-off 55 seconds later.

"We have been through the start procedure in extremely fine detail this week," Brasher said. "We have built up a lot of experience, culminating in the World Cup in 1991.

"I have talked to jockeys who were in the National and a big fault is that they were on the line. Our people are not on the line, they are brought up to it. Anyone fool enough to try to gain one second in a race lasting 2hr 8min will be disqualified."

Again this year the elite women will be given a start, so their race can be seen separately instead of being swallowed up in the men's. Last year 20 minutes was barely enough and Katrin Dorre, the women's winner, was almost caught by Antonio Pinto, the men's victor.

This year the difference is 25 minutes and, with Liz McColgan, of Britain, and Lisa Ondieki, of Australia, both saying they have never felt fitter, it should be plenty to see the winner over Westminster Bridge before the men come out of The Mall and enter the last mile.

Though vision is blurred beyond seeing anyone other than Ondieki or McColgan winning, there is just the chance they could be the undoing of each other. "I am not going to run a slow, tactical race," Ondieki said. Nor will McColgan.

Perhaps they will blow each other out and, if they do, any one of four others might win: Dorre (Germany), Lorraine Moller (New Zealand), Renata Kokowska (Poland) or Andrea Wallace (Britain).

Ondieki and McColgan are both champions from the last two Commonwealth Games. McColgan, whose victories came at 10,000 metres, is now treading on Ondieki's patch. She has a firm footing already, beating Ondieki when winning New York in her first marathon two years ago. She then won her second, in Tokyo last year, and approaches her third with an unbeaten record.

However, Ondieki, has a best time of nearly four minutes quicker, 2hr 23min 51sec to the Scot's 2:27:32. She won New York five months ago and ran her quickest ten miles recently. If the weather cooperates she expects to be inside 2:24.

Ondieki insisted there should be no pacemaker and David Bedford, the international race director, agreed. "A confrontation like this does not need a pacemaker," Bedford said.

But there will be for the men's race. Mike O'Reilly, fifth in 1990, knows the course and will take the leaders through halfway in 64 minutes. There is a good chance he will be paving the way for a British victory.

Three Olympic Games have gone by since an Englishman won and, in Paul Evans, hopes are high that he will be the first since Charlie Spedding in 1984. A Welshman, Steve Jones, won in 1985 and a Scot, Allister Hutton, in 1990 but British wins are rare these days.

However, the home entry is stronger than in recent years and half a dozen others, on their day, might succeed if Evans fails: Steve Brace, Paul Davies-Hale, Dave Long, Eamonn Martin, and Carl Thackery. The best of the overseas contenders are Ahmed Salah (Djibouti), Salvador García and Isidro Rico (Mexico), and a group of South Africans.

The incentive for the home runners does not stop at kudos and prize-money. The leading Briton other than Evans, who has been selected already, will most likely be chosen for the last remaining place in Britain's world championship team (there is a women's place still available, too).

For others who are prominent there is the World Cup in October and fast times now might also count towards European championships and Commonwealth Games selection next year. Because the European championships incorporate the European Cup there will now be six places available instead of the traditional three, plus nine at the Commonwealth Games.

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City living on knife-edge after £50,000 fine by FA

BY KEITH PIKE

MANCHESTER City were yesterday fined £50,000 and ordered to play one match behind closed doors after a Football Association enquiry into the pitch invasion that disrupted their FA Cup quarter-final against Tottenham Hotspur at Maine Road last month. Both punishments were suspended until the end of next season.

The club was also ordered to pay the costs of the four-man commission, but Peter Swales, the Manchester City chairman, dismissed claims that it had been treated leniently. Swales, who is also chairman of the FA's international committee, said: "We are living on a knife-edge now. You might think that £50,000 is not all that frightening, but a game behind closed doors is. That could cost us a quarter of a million pounds if it affects a big match.

"One season is a long time. It's something like 30 occasions and we must make sure there is no repeat. It is the first pitch invasion here since 1979 and we've had nobody on the pitch in 14 years. I'm anxious this record continues."

Millions of television viewers saw mounted police intervene after about 200 City supporters, with their side losing 4-2, went on to the pitch on March 7, running towards the Tottenham supporters and engaging in fights. Play was held up for 12 minutes and 20 arrests were made.

In 1988, Chelsea were fined a record £75,000 for serious crowd disturbances during a play-off game against Middlesbrough and, last year, Birmingham City were fined £50,000 and ordered to play two matches behind closed doors after trouble at their home match against Stoke City. In the latter case, the punishments were suspended.

Adrian Titcombe, the FA head of competitions and regulations, said that the Birmingham incident remained a benchmark for incidents of crowd disturbance. "This incident [at Maine Road] was far less serious," he said. "There was no aggressive action by most of the people on the pitch." Titcombe said that the commission had taken into account City's previous good record and the prompt and positive actions of stewards and police.

Swales remains adamant that a return to perimeter fencing is not the answer. "We think fences are counter-productive, and I think that the FA and police agree with that," he said. Sixty supporters have already been banned from Maine Road for life and Swales said the hunt for the other offenders will continue.

While the commission was deliberating, the Football League was contemplating matters of a happier, if more complex, nature. A place in history beckons for Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday, who meet in the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley tomorrow. So, too, does the extraordinary prospect of three appearances at the national stadium inside six days next month.

A League spokesman confirmed yesterday that Wembley was one of the venues being considered for a replay should this weekend's final fail to produce a winner after extra time. The date — Tuesday, May 18 — is only three days after the same teams meet in the FA Cup final.

Should the FA Cup final not be resolved at the first time of asking, the clubs, who also won their respective semi-finals at Wembley, would have to return there once again on Thursday, May 20.

With this weekend's match expected to generate record receipts for a League Cup final of £2.3 million, the stadium authorities are unlikely to be complaining. But replays or not, the teams — bidding for an unprecedented FA and League Cup double — will surely be sick of the sight of each other by the time the season ends.

They also meet in a rearranged Premier League fixture at Hillsborough on May 6, one of five each club must complete in the 11 days leading up to the FA Cup final.

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Violence threatens venue for 1995 tournament

Fall guy: Christophe Deyland, of France, is tackled by Andrew Dujakovich, of the United States, on the opening day of the Rugby World Cup sevens at Murrayfield yesterday. France won the match 22-7, but lost 17-7 to Ireland, who lead pool B jointly with New Zealand. Photograph: Mike Hewitt/Allsport.

World Cup directors visit South Africa

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE tragic events in South Africa this week have provoked further concern about the staging of the Rugby World Cup (RWC) there in 1995. Yesterday, the four RWC directors said they would visit South Africa next month to assess the situation.

"We have to express concern and find the answers," Russ Thomas, who retires as chairman of RWC on July 31, said in Edinburgh.

"We have heads of agreement with the South African Rugby Football Union, we are now going through the various agreements, with a target date for completion of June 30."

However, RWC admit to no contingency plans for moving the tournament, though Thomas said possible alternatives would be debated over the next week by the International Rugby Football Board, whose annual meeting coincides with the Rugby World Cup sevens in Edinburgh. Thomas's co-director from France, Marcel Martin, has even greater cause for concern at the volatile situation in South African, as the French are due to tour there in six weeks time. The Board is unlikely to make any decision on the venue of the 1995 tournament until after next month's visit, although the uncertainty will have had implications for the commercial programme.

The draw for 1995 has been amended at the knock-out stage after protests, notably from Australia, that some of the strongest sides might meet in pool and semi-final matches and that others might miss one another altogether. The effect on England, for example, is that should they win their pool they are likely to meet France or Scotland at the quarter-final stage rather than Ireland or Wales — which could be good news in view of this season's results.

It also opens the way for a quarter-final between New Zealand and South Africa; all of which is a far cry from the qualifying matches confirmed for this year, among them the first full international to be played by Latvia, who opened the sevens yesterday with a 42-0 defeat by Fiji, the favourites. Latvia will meet Germany in Riga on May 8.

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Matters of age confuse

AS I continue my surreal week at the world gymnastics championship here in Birmingham, my mind turns to Kim Zmeskal, of the United States, and I wonder what has happened to her: world champion two years ago, walking tall at 4ft 7in and aged just 15. She is not here: semi-retired and apparently 1½st heavier. Since she was 5st 10lb at her competitive peak, that is probably more of a relief than anything else.

And where, you may well ask, is Kim Gwang Suk, the North Korean who won the asymmetric bars in 1991. So brave, so tiny: she looked about nine, though she was allegedly 16.

But the following year, by the time of the Barcelona Olympics, her birthday had changed: from February 15, 1975, to February 15, 1976. Further enquiries revealed that the date of birth claimed for her at the world championships in 1989 was May 10, 1974. You must be in your fifteenth year to compete at the championships.

The Koreans now admit that she was too young to compete in the 1989 championships, but claim that she was really 17 at the Olympics. She is not in Birmingham for these championships: the International Gymnastics Federation got fed up with the mess and chucked her and her North Korean colleagues out. They will be back in 1994: will Kim have reached puberty by then?

Trying result

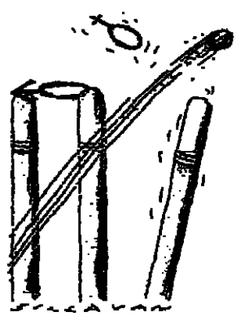
Do you ever get bored with those 0-0 draws? An Australian No Rules Football match brought Woodsdale, reigning champions of the Oatlands District Football Association, victory over Mount Pleasant 447-2. The coach, Dennis Sturzaker, said: "We get beat, but the boys tried really hard."

SIMON BARNES
Sporting diary

A bunch of lunatics — not ordinary nutters but lunatics for the connoisseur — recently ran a half-marathon at Rothera, a research station near the South Pole. It was organised by the British Antarctic Survey. They covered 13 miles around an airstrip: several wore snowboots. Brian Hull won in 84 minutes.

Old wives' tale

"One thing that worries me about the coming tour is the wives factor." Dean Jones says. Though not selected for the Ashes tour this summer, the great Australian batsman is still giving Australia the benefit of his thoughts. "I do not want to offend anyone, but I am worried that the players' wives will be allowed to join the Ashes tour much earlier than in '89. The players have a job to do over there and I wonder if the wives' arrival might affect the team's play."



Fleeting fame

More on too-much-too-soon: as 25,000 people from the ranks of the insane commence the London Marathon tomorrow, they must do so without Yumi Kokamo of Japan, who had one of the most brilliant and brief marathon careers on record. Less than 18 months ago, she claimed world attention by running the fastest debut marathon ever: 2hr 26min 26sec, beating the mark set by Liz McColgan and winning the Osaka marathon. Now she has retired, after a disappointing run in the Olympics (29th in just under three hours). Japanese athletes blame the pressure put on emerging stars by the companies they work for. Kokamo worked for Daihatsu. Athletes say the companies are insensitive to the demands of distance running, wanting their protegés to run all the time to keep the company name before the television cameras. Television coverage of distance running is big-time stuff in Japan. The surrender of self to company is part of Japanese life: in distance running, surrender of self to company means irreparable damage to soft tissue and competitive edge.

Window pain

Alas, we will not be seeing the ineffable talents of Faustino Asprilla on Wednesday in the second leg of the Cup Winners' Cup final. He scored the goal that allowed Parma to snap AC Milan's winning streak and scored two more in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup Final against Atletico Madrid in Madrid. Asprilla, a Colombian, recently paid a visit to his sick mother in Tulua. But while there, he got a horrific leg injury. An anonymous witness (most witnesses are anonymous in Medellin) has said that she saw Asprilla riding the streets on the bumper of a car. He got into an altercation with a bus-driver and started to kick out the bus windows, giving himself a horrible cut. A 90-minute operation put him back together: but he is out for the rest of the season, at least.

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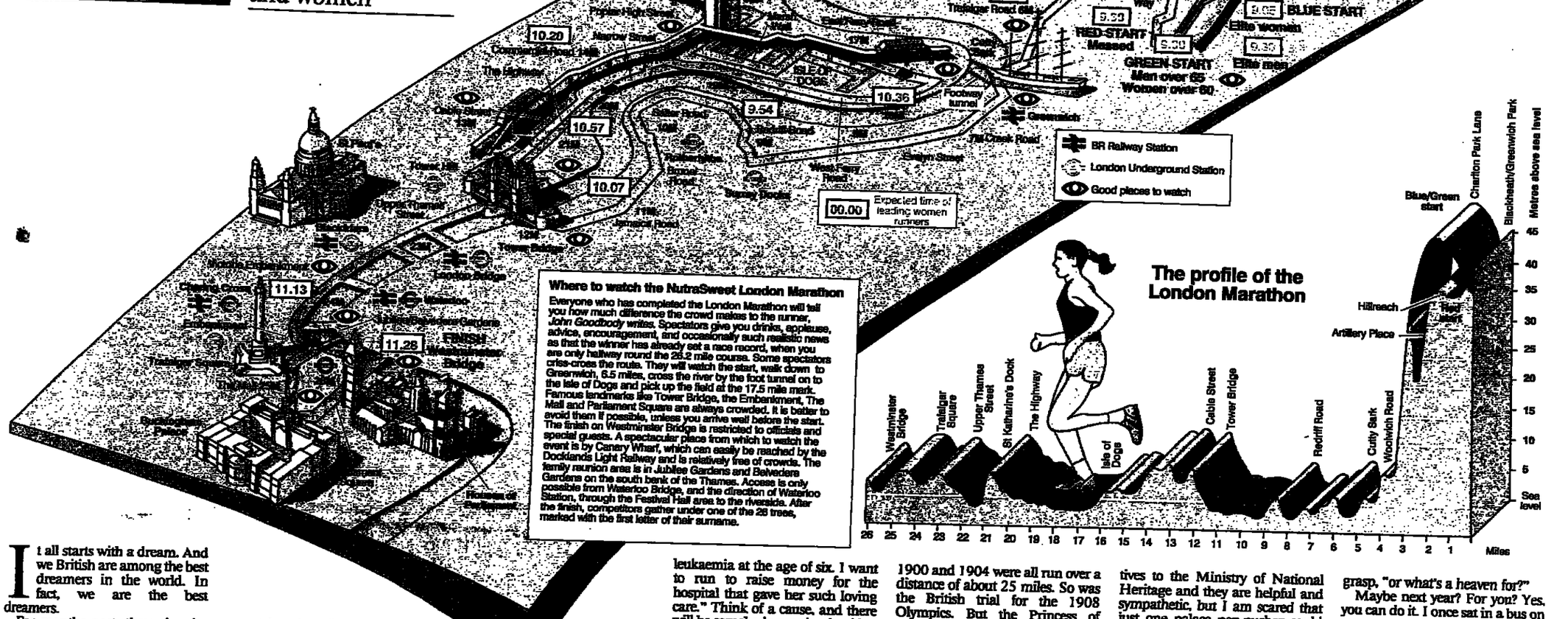
Running the outrageous dream

Chris Brasher had a vision: here he tells how he turned it into the London Marathon, which tomorrow includes about 30,000 men and women



Where to watch the NutraSweet London Marathon

Everyone who has completed the London Marathon will tell you how much difference the crowd makes to the runner, *John Goodbody writes.* Spectators give you drinks, applause, advice, encouragement, and occasionally such realistic news as that the winner has already set a race record, when you are only halfway round the 26.2 mile course. Some spectators criss-cross the route. They will watch the start, walk down to Greenwich, 6.5 miles, cross the river by the foot tunnel on to the Isle of Dogs and pick up the field at the 17.5 mile mark. Famous landmarks like Tower Bridge, the Embankment, The Mall and Parliament Square are always crowded. It is better to avoid them if possible, unless you arrive well before the start. The finish on Westminster Bridge is restricted to officials and special guests. A spectacular place from which to watch the event is by Canary Wharf, which can easily be reached by the Docklands Light Railway and is relatively free of crowds. The family reunion area is in Jubilee Gardens and Belvedere Gardens on the south bank of the Thames. Access is only possible from Waterloo Bridge, and the direction of Waterloo Station, through the Festival Hall area to the riverside. After the finish, competitors gather under one of the 26 trees, marked with the first letter of their surname.

It all starts with a dream. And we British are among the best dreamers in the world. In fact, we are the best dreamers.

For months past, through rain, through frost, through the chill of a British winter, thousands of so-called ordinary people — men and women of every shape, size and age (many of them the wrong shape, size and age) — have dreamt an outrageous dream: that they would run 26 miles and 385 yards from Greenwich to Westminster Bridge.

It will hurt. And many of those who do it will swear "Never again". But do it again they will, for as Browning wrote:

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?"

Heaven seemed a little too close for the organisers of the marathon the year that the 81-year-old president of Kidder Peabody, a top Wall Street broker and financier, turned up to race complete with a Mexican minder carrying a portable resuscitation kit. He was determined to do the marathon. He did it too, in style; and the moment he crossed the line he requested a cab to take him to his hotel.

Heaven, for many of the 30,000 eccentrics who will line up on the Greenwich Meridian tomorrow at the start of the NutraSweet London Marathon, will be to tell their children that their dream has come true: that they ran in a race, a famous race on television, and beat Sebastian Coe, the only man in history to win the Olympic 1,500m gold medal in two successive Games. And since Coe says that he expects to complete the course in about 3¼ hours, there will be 3,000 men and 100 or more women who can claim, tomorrow night, that they beat the great Sebastian Coe.

No other event can offer the ordinary man, the ordinary woman the privilege of competing in the same event, on the same course, on the same day as the greats of sport. Imagine the umpire on the Centre Court at Wimbledon announcing: "Ladies and gentlemen, there are only two players in this arena. Would 30,000 of you like to come down and join in?"

No other event in sport can offer the participants the satisfaction of saying: "I was there. I was in the race when Ingrid Kristiansen broke the world record. I was there the day when a woman ran faster than the legendary Zatopek. I was there when Ingrid said 'nonsense' in Norwegian to all those men who said that women could not and should not be allowed to subject themselves to the marathon."

This week one of Ingrid's contemporaries, the delightful New Zealander Lorraine Moller, declared: "No, we are not a bunch of crazy women running in their underwear through the streets of London!" Now Kristiansen and Moller and the newest heroine, Liz McColgan, have released the bonds that bound women to men's narrow, blinkered concepts, and allowed the sensible sex to share the outrageous dream.

For some it may be the dream of raising a fortune — not for themselves, but for the cause which is closest to their heart. The letters pour in: "My daughter died of leukaemia at the age of six. I want to run to raise money for the hospital that gave her such loving care." Think of a cause, and there will be somebody running in aid of it. No other nation in the world is so wholehearted, so dedicated to subjecting itself to all sorts of trials and tribulations in aid of charity as Britain. No other nation has ever produced a man like Roger Gibbs who, when well into his fifties, decided that he wanted to repay his debt to Guy's Hospital. And so he did. In 1982 he ran the London Marathon in under five hours and raised £440,000 — enough to buy a body scanner for Guy's.

For some it is a dream of becoming part of a legend, the legend of Pheidippides, who is reported to have run from Marathon to Athens, a distance of about 25 miles, to proclaim the Athenian victory over the Spartans before dropping dead. It is not true. But no matter — it was a British romantic poet who embroidered that legend, and who am I to quarrel with him? But if the distance from Marathon to Athens is about 25 miles, why will everybody be running 26 miles and 385 yards tomorrow? Because the British royal family so commanded. (The Olympic Marathons of 1896, 1900 and 1904 were all run over a distance of about 25 miles. So was the British trial for the 1908 Olympics. But the Princess of Wales intervened. Knowing that her parents-in-law, Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, were going to be at the finish of the 1908 Olympic Marathon, she thought it would be pleasant if she and the royal children could watch the start.

So the start, scheduled to be at Eton High Street, was extended over the Thames, up the hill, around Windsor Castle and on to the east lawn — a distance of 26 miles and 385 yards from the finishing line in front of the King and Queen in the White City Stadium.

That extra mile and a bit is causing me some concern for 1994 and beyond. This is the last year that we can use the greatest finish in the world — Westminster Bridge, with its backdrop of Big Ben. I often wonder what that image is worth to our tourism industry when it is transmitted to 30 countries around the world — including a three-hour live programme in Japan.

But we lose it next year because Westminster Bridge is falling down. We have suggested alternatives to the Ministry of National Heritage and they are helpful and sympathetic, but I am scared that just one palace pen-pusher could kill the whole tottering, crazy, delightful festival.

Because that is what it is. It has a life of its own — a lusty and completely dishevelled life which grew out of a late-night dream. Well, all dreams come late at night, don't they? This one started just after an October midnight in 1979 when I sat at my desk, whisky at hand, to write a column, and out of that night came an "over the top" article which spoke of "one joyous family, working together, laughing together, achieving the impossible".

I was describing the New York marathon: "Last Sunday, in one of the most violent, trouble-stricken cities in the world, 11,532 men and women from 40 countries in the world, assisted by more than a million black, white and yellow people, laughed and cheered and suffered during the greatest folk festival the world had seen . . ."

Now, with 12 London Marathons behind me, I am no longer apologetic about referring to "seeing a vision". We need visions, we need dreams and the more impossible they are, the better. Why? Because our reach must exceed our grasp, "or what's a heaven for?"

Maybe next year? For you? Yes, you can do it. I once sat in a bus on my way to the start of my first marathon in New York, and looked at my fellow passengers. They were all either too fat, far too fat, too old, or far too old. Yet they were contemplating it, and they did it, and so can you, because the human spirit is able to lift our frail bodies and our doubting minds into that stratosphere where anything is possible.

But, first, you must dream — you must dream that it is possible. And then when your dream comes true, as it will tomorrow for about 25,000 men and women of all shapes, sizes and ages who will finish the race, you will experience a satisfaction that is seldom given to mere mortals — a satisfaction that is normally reserved for those who can create great music, great images, great poetry. It all starts with a dream.

● *Chris Brasher is chairman of the London Marathon Ltd board and a former Olympic gold medal winner. The results of the race will be published exclusively in* The Times; *every finisher will be listed over three days, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.*

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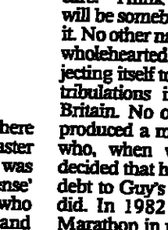
Falsies that fill the cup of confidence

Why we construct the body beautiful from machine-made parts



WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

Taking off her jumper, a girlfriend asked: "Why don't you write about confidence boosters? Like Gossard Wonder Bras?"

She had dropped in to stay the night *en route*, or rather off route, on a bumper-to-bumper drive towards London from Cornwall, where she had spent the weekend with her parents. When I say "girlfriend" I mean in the American sense, and not that I'm having an affair with her. The curiosity is that nobody else is either, and yet she is a raving beauty of 30 with proven cooking and designing skills and a famed sweetness of nature. She is just another YES girl (Young/Eligible/Single) in the social orbit whose world has not yet collided with the world of a compatible YES man. It is a modern phenomenon which I have commented on before.

"I hope you kept your passenger door snib down as you drove back," I told her, "to prevent stalkers getting in at crossroads."

"No, I didn't; I would almost welcome something like that," she joked. (Note to potential stalkers, she *joked.*)

We carried on about the confidence boosters. She had bought a pair of black Agnès B jeans in New York which, though I didn't see them, are apparently so great that people practically mob her each time she wears them. Then the figure-enhancing Wonder Bras. Since their reincarnation last year, Wonder Bras have been literally walking out of the stores that stock them. Many women, having tried them on, cannot bear to change back into the bra they were wearing when they went into the shop.

It seems remarkable that Gossard has not brought out a range of similarly enhancing Wonder Pants for men. I'm sure they would go like hot cakes. I put the idea to a rag-trade person last year but he just laughed politely.

Artificial beauty aids have always been a speciality of mine. I named my own confidence boosters: a particularly convincing pair of false eyelashes I purchased from theatrical make-up suppliers Screenface, and, recently, a length of hair which previously belonged to my great-great-aunt, and which I have just brought down from the attic. Oddly — even though my own hair is artificially coloured — this hair is exactly the same colour. Through looping the length into a ponytail coming out of my natural head of hair, I look dramatically more attractive.

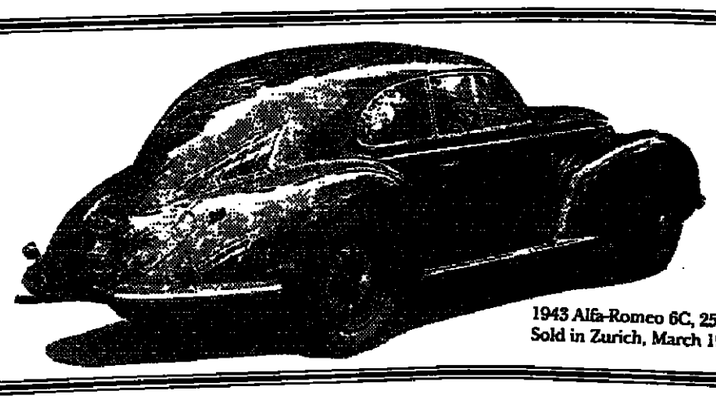
In the 1980s I had a sort of false bust in the form of a plastic breastplate, with ribbons that tied at the waist. For some reason these were being sold in an off-licence named Hic-cups in Congleton, Cheshire, and I snapped one up. Worn under clothes it looked stunning: I looked like Daryl Hannah in *Blade Runner* or Jane Fonda in *Barbarella*, but only in photographs. The crackling noise was too loud when I wore it socially, and gave me away.

In the 1970s I even had a pair of false toe-nails. They were only ever available once — obviously they were test-marketed and then withdrawn through lack of consumer interest. I, however, was thrilled with them, but the girl with whom I shared a flat said she found them so repulsive that I would have to move out unless I got rid of them.

Why is it that for me and my visiting friend, the only confidence boosters it occurred to us to discuss were our artificial aids to beauty rather than our actual "personal achievements"?

Well, personal achievements are so difficult in today's world. It's not enough just to achieve business success, you also have to have domestic and romantic success and then, on top of that, you have to do competitive travelling around the globe to more and more obscure places than other people before your confidence is really boosted.

No wonder we have very little mental energy left for considering our comparitively paltry "achievements". It's much easier to talk about Wonder Bras and false eyelashes.



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Deep in an English forest, **Libby Purves** and her children drag a reluctant father to Center Parcs and find it hard to drag him away

Welcome to the pleasure dome

Family fun: the Holiday Village is designed to please even the smallest children. Libby Purves and family (right) contemplate the joys of the tropical paradise in the dome

"That's not it," said my husband, peering along the gloomy B1106. "That's the sign to the Anglo-Saxon village. Is that it down there? No, it's an intensive pig unit."

The man was nervous. He had never been to a Holiday Village before. The previous day he stared into the wardrobe at his collection of independent-minded sailing trousers and country tweeds and said: "I can't do it. I haven't even got a shell suit."

We urged him on, the children and I. There is no point nurturing a horror of "manufactured holidays" until you have tried one. We were going to a Center Parc's Holiday Village, and that was that. Apart from anything else, three of us were consumed with curiosity.

We live an hour away from the Elveden centre, in Suffolk, and ever since the late 1980s have heard the jungle drums of rumour. Deep in the Thetford forest, they said, something stirred. There were apocalyptic tales about 400 acres taken over by Dutch invaders, about excavators digging lakes and throwing up earth ramparts; improbable claims that a revolving restaurant had opened high among the dull, dark pine-tree tops, and that enormous lorries had brought a rainforest along the A45 at dawn, to be installed in a giant dome.

"A holiday camp," said the locals, mildly puzzled that it wasn't at Great Yarmouth. Too flash for a holiday camp, opined a local electrician, back from working on the villas. "They've got a Suzuki in every bathroom." It took time to work that one out.

Then it opened, and more rumours slid around the schoolyard: of children riding bikes along carless forest trails, canoeing on lakes, slithering down rapids, swimming to café islands for ice-creams and playing every game under the sun — even when there wasn't any sun, because of the wonderful dome.

We began to notice the most unlikely families sneaking to Elveden for long weekends: habitual poppers-off to Venice and sturdy Arthur Ransome types, whose normal idea of fun is a leaking clinker dinghy on the River Alde. "The children love it," they would mutter. "And they're so safe, and of course, there's the health club... you can get wrapped in seaweed, you know, while they're tenpin bowling."

So there we were on a gloomy Friday evening, turning off into the forest towards God knew what. But whatever it was, we needed it, fluey and overworked and ratty as we were. The Dutch, originators of Center Parcs, highly value "*tussendoor*" or short, all-season breaks: these holiday villages willingly take weekend and Tuesday-to-Friday bookings, which makes them particularly welcome to busy families, who otherwise resort to booking a whole week's narrowboat or Broads cruiser to use for only four days. We wanted to escape the world, but had not got long.

> '... you can get wrapped in seaweed, while they're tenpin bowling'

In the event it took half an hour between checking into a compact, spotless little villa and becoming satisfactorily detached from reality, deep in the dome. We had been told by friends what to do with our reluctant member: we shepherded father firmly through the changing-room of the Subtropical Swimming Paradise ("I don't like public baths, you know that"), past the glittering blue lagoon with waves, the waterfalls, coves, Jacuzzis, baby-pools, and Disneyish rocky coves, where bougainvillaea and palms droop to the waterside.

We led him firmly up the steps to the top of the Wild Water Rapids, swam through the plastic curtain until we were in a high open-air pool with the warm water steaming gently at the starry pines, and pushed him over the concrete *slit into the twisting, spurting,* foaming waterslide.

The Wild Water Rapids are special. Once you have been flushed down crevasses, all arms and legs and shrieks, out in an English forest on a March night without being cold, you are not only gasping and dripping but hopelessly enthralled with the combination of womblike warm water, Disneyesque illusion and invisible engineering. "Again," said the children. "Again!" agreed their father. After landing a dozen more times, the final one entangled in a struggling knot of visiting Dutchmen, we swam more quietly in the salt-water pool, in and out of the great, open windows, dived through some waves, ate a *pizza* and fell *into* a dreamless sleep in our fiercely, Dutchly clean villa sheets. The Suzuki would have to wait for tomorrow.

There is a lot to cram in. The "village" is a scattered settlement of twinkling white villas littered along woodland roads and designed with fiendish ingenuity so nobody can see into anybody else's windows. You get around it on a hired bike. Near the dome there are manmade lakes: one for wildfowl, one for canoeing and sailing.

Inside the dome is the Park Plaza, where you can shop at an immaculate supermarket or play at being a European citizen by eating at Caesar's, Chez Pierre or Het Pannekoek Huisje, while admiring the un-European jungle foliage (they get an annual crop of bananas).

Also indoors, but with the air ten degrees cooler, is a vast *jardin des sports* for badminton, bowling, fencing, roller-skating, short-tennis, squash, ping-pong, etc, plus a nursery with artfully placed low windows so toddlers peer in and long for admission instead of resisting it. Beyond it are outdoor courts, bowls, and even clay-pigeon shooting with environmentally friendly laser guns (Center Parcs wins awards for green tourism).

However, some of us are idle, and do not wish to pay for the pleasures of heartier guests; so you book and pay — reasonable amounts, as in a leisure centre — for each activity, except swimming. Old hands can be found at 8.30am at the computer booking points, holding family conferences on the lines of, "If Chris finishes archery at 3.45, we don't want the tenpin alley till 5.30 so we shan't have to rush tea before my aerobics."

As I stood *mesmerised*, wondering about *pétanque* and seaweed-wraps, a man proffered advice. "What you do", he said, "is book one thing you really like, one you've always fancied trying, and one you hate the sound of, for the challenge. Then spend the rest of the time in the water."

So we did. After hurling ourselves down the rapids a few more dozen times we stumbled to a bar in the Plaza's surreally clean, peaceful, idealised version of a tropical indoor Europe. Rose stirred her non-alcoholic cocktail with the umbrella as a jazz band struck up. "I feel", she said dreamily, "like Bertie Wooster."

By Sunday morning, we didn't know where we were at all: fed the squirrels on the patio, biked to the Plaza amid strolling and cycling families with every size of baby, and got seriously disoriented by paying normal price for the newspapers, because we had been thinking we were abroad. Not a bad achievement for the middle of the Thetford forest, in a cold English spring.

● *Elveden Forest Holiday Village, Center Parcs, Brandon, Suffolk IP27 OYZ (0842 890000).*

Making a splash: the Wild Water Rapids (above left) run down crevasses and through the forest before flushing bathers, all arms, legs and shrieks, into the warm pool. "Again," said the children. "Again!" agreed their father

Hello, playmates: the Holiday Village defies the old-fashioned holiday-camp image (above) of bathing belles and coach parties (pictures courtesy of the Hulton Deutsch Collection)

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Pink-letter day for the Michelangelo of the spud field

Has medicine yet recognised a distinct disorder called Post-Potato-Planting Syndrome? My symptoms are manic depressive, swinging from the height of euphoria — when it takes all my self-control to prevent me from parading around the village rejoicing, "They're in, they're done, they're planted for another year", to brooding despair — when I catch sight of the potato field at a wrong angle, and set my self-respect into a deep nose-dive.

I blame my suffering on a spiritual experience some years ago on the Yorkshire Wolds. I was driving towards the setting sun and ahead was a newly planted potato field. The land was oddly shaped and undulated, and so the ridges left by the potato-planting machine made dazzling patterns as the shadows moved across them. I stopped to watch this piece of living art, the beauty that can dwell in a properly laid-out potato field lodged forever in my soul.

Every year I have tried to recreate it here in Suffolk, but with horses it is very difficult. It takes only one side-step by one animal and, if you do not have a firm grip of your ridger, it will dive to the side and the symmetry has gone. That one ripple amid the linear ridges can be seen a mile off. The spuds are none the worse for it, of course, but old horsemen have their pride and would have to suffer the mocking of their fellows if their work was not entirely on the straight and narrow.

This year it went better than ever. I took the 50-year-old potato ridger to the blacksmith and had new threads welded so that I could make adjustments. I worked the land and carefully drew the furrows into which we dropped the seed potato. Dilly, my old helper, came to my aid. "Have you ever shown potatoes at the village show?" I asked him. "I did one year," he announced to the entire field, "but I had to withdraw. The tater was so big I couldn't get it down side o' the house."

The seed planted in the furrows, I gathered myself together for the final artistic touch. Horses and ridger must now be driven precisely between the furrows so that the soil which is thrown to either side covers the seeds and leaves a perfect ridge of soil above the fledgeling spud. To my surprise, we did not make a half bad job of it. You must understand that "half bad" is as near to perfection as anybody gets round here. Had Michelangelo turned to a Suffolk farmer to ask his opinion of the Sistine Chapel, he would have been told it "wasn't a half bad job at all". So I was happy that

potatoes were planted, and overjoyed that the tedious task was over; yet niggled by the wiggles that made it a less than perfect job.

Depressed by that thought, I was further saddened by the knowledge that the end of one job only means the next. I had foolishly thought that once the spuds were in I could take a breather, have a few days off. But sheep need to be moved, with their fencing; the oats are ready for horse-hoeing and the wheat and barley will soon be ready. I was trying to crystallise in my mind what my predicament reminded me of, when a letter arrived.

I have had many helpful suggestions from readers concerning the painting of my Ransome's Thrashing Drum, which I wish to decorate in its original, virulent shade of pink. A Mrs Burwell, of Dowham Market, Norfolk, remembers her father mixing his own paint and falling so in love with it that he painted the outside privy with what came to be known in their family as "drum pink". She tells me the pink paint still haunts her, for she lately saw the very same shade on the walls of a tea-room of a National Trust property in Norfolk. I may be giving them a call.

But a Mr Williams's letter was the one that brought me up short, for it arrived just as I was in the depths of my post-potato-planting gloom. He tells me that some years ago he lived in South Queensferry at the end of the Forth rail bridge and "acquired a sample of what the painters used on their unending job". He still has it in his garage and may send me a drum.

Grateful though I am, I cannot say I am looking forward to it. With the busiest time of the farming year fast approaching, with hay-making and thistle-bashing just around the corner, I hardly need a reminder that painting the Forth bridge and running this farm are occupations too alike for comfort. Perhaps it is time for a lengthy cup of tea and a wallow in a pink National Trust tea-room — in the interests of research, of course.

When the *Gardeners' Question Time* team visits Newcastle, **Helen Pickles** watches the locals prepare the soil

The thrill of digging Clay

Jean's stomach has been churning since yesterday. Jeff has had to take the day off work. Ann is worrying whether she has made enough drop-scones. Such are the crises when *Gardeners' Question Time*, BBC Radio 4's longest-running panel show, comes up your garden path.

It has been the buzz of the Fenham district of Newcastle for the past six weeks, ever since Jeff Sutcliffe, founder member of St Robert's Horticultural Society, got the telephone call. He was a little taken aback, as it was four years since he'd sent the invitation, but he steamed into action.

Tickets were printed, posters displayed on the allotment sites, notices broadcast in church (the society is attached to the local Roman Catholic church) and the evening paper contacted. Mr Sutcliffe worried that they might not fill the 200-capacity church hall. "But the tickets all went in the first week. I've had to plead with people to return them if they find they can't come." Happily there has been a 'flu epidemic, so most applicants have been accommodated.

The *Gardeners' Question Time* team goes out on the road every three weeks to record three programmes, two with an audience and one answering listeners' letters. There is no shortage of invitations. Although the average waiting time is ten years, the speed of acceptance is determined by the need to ensure a balanced spread across the country. "When we finally arrive, people are so pleased to see us," says Amanda Mares, the producer, who took over the 46-year-old programme in January. "They always give us tea."

In Fenham the quiche, ham and salads are very prettily laid out in the church hall annexe. By 5.30pm everything is in hand. On the stage, framed by red velvet curtains, the panel's table is draped with a green baize cloth and set with microphones, water, and place cards with names as lyrical as a seed catalogue: Clay Jones, Fred Downham, Sid Robertson, Stefan Buczacki.

Jean Rudden has been a devoted listener for 30 years and is now "absolutely terrified" at the prospect of having to ask a question of her gardening heroes. To occupy herself, she has been helping Ann Bailey with the teas and arranging the flowers along the front of the stage, although few will realise the significance of the vase of flowers, stage left. "It's for Clay Jones," she confides. "It's from my neighbour. She's on holiday and was so disappointed that she couldn't be here. She thinks Clay Jones is the bee's knees."

Suddenly the bee's knees and his drones are here. The committee stands back politely as the famous gardeners pile

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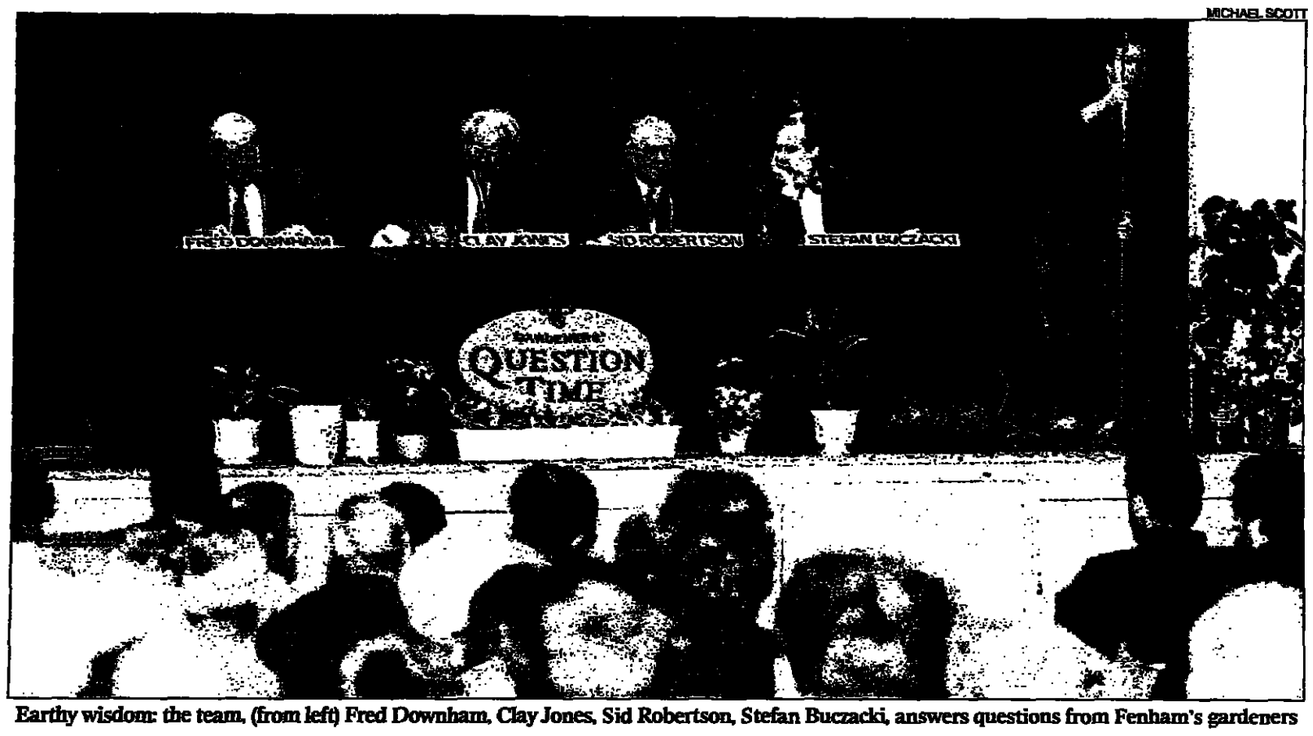

Earthy wisdom: the team, (from left) Fred Downham, Clay Jones, Sid Robertson, Stefan Buczacki, answers questions from Fenham's gardeners

their paper plates with slices of ham, coleslaw and buttered buns. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Rudden hover with tea, coffee and orange juice.

Meanwhile, the chairs are filling up with sensibly anoraked and cardiganed folk. In the kitchen to one side of the stage, production assistant Sue Fletcher is briefing the 12 questioners. "When it's your turn, I'll sit by you and hold the microphone about ten inches from your mouth. Don't say 'good evening' because the programme goes out in the afternoon" — nervous laughter — "just say your name and your question. If you get tongue-tied or miss something, just stop and start again. You'll hear the team do the same. I hope you enjoy yourselves." Everyone troops out grinning foolishly, and self-consciously takes the reserved seats at the front.

Ms Mares exhorts us to applaud loudly at the beginning and end but not between the questions. "Now, please welcome Clay Jones." "Oooooh!" moan several ladies, unable to contain themselves as their Sunday matinée idol appears on stage.

The rest of the team are introduced amid much banter and many saucy stories. Clearly they've done it a hundred times before, but it's no less funny for that. And then Mr Jones utters that immortal opening line: "You are welcome to join us in St Robert's Church Hall in Fenham, near Newcastle..." The applause is monstrous.

While the panel rattles through the first two questions, Mrs Rudden licks her lips and silently practises saying "environmentally". "And who do we have next?" asks the genial Mr Jones. Mrs Rudden is so keen she doesn't bother waiting for Ms Fletcher to position the microphone and has to repeat the question. The team is much taken with it — how to start a cheap, environmentally-friendly school garden — and Mrs Rudden has to sweat and gasp her way through their probing questions, in her excitement forgetting the house rules and flapping her paper at the microphone. "Now, we have a large audience here tonight," Mr Jones pauses dramatically. "Jean Rudden's school wants some cuttings!" The audience giggle and murmur appreciatively. Mrs Rudden is pink with pleasure.

We are, I later gather from Ms Mares, a model audience. "Enthusiastic, knowledgeable, organised. What I'm looking for is that moment when the audience realises they are part of the programme. Then they relax, start to answer back and the programme lifts."

Oh, we're doing that all right. We giggle when Mr Storey is chided for sowing his Bunyard Exhibition broad beans in November. We titter when Mrs Patterson is admonished for wanting to split her hellebores. "I can't believe you've been waiting all this time for us to come along," replies Dr Buczacki, when Mr Pearson asks why his lilac tree hasn't flowered for 11 years. The audience roars with laughter.

Within an hour and ten minutes, it's all over. There is genuine dismay. As Mr Jones signs off the programme, there's another window-cracking belt of applause. Reluctant to leave, the audience hovers around the stage, staring at the empty seats and place cards. Mrs Rudden, stuffing her face with one of Mrs Bailey's drop-scones, is on an after-performance high. "Oh, I'm so pleased it's over. I'll sleep well tonight. To think Clay Jones said, 'Jean Rudden wants some cuttings for her school'." Blissfully she crams in another drop-scone.

● Gardeners' Question Time *is broadcast on Sundays at 2pm, repeated on Wednesdays at 11.30am. The edition recorded in Newcastle will be broadcast tomorrow and on Wednesday.*

Feather report

Sweet song of an invader

About five million willow warblers are at present invading the British Isles, and will settle down as two-and-a-half million pairs. This vast, practically unnoticed migration takes place every year in April.

The willow warbler is the commonest of all our summer visitors, yet it is almost unknown compared to the swallow or the nightingale.

Its song is its most distinctive characteristic. It is a trickling cadence, starting high and sharp, and falling to lower, sweeter notes. Willow warblers are close relatives of the chiffchaffs that started arriving in March, and are very similar to look at: they are small, olive-green birds, of a group called "leaf warblers". The only noticeable physical difference between them is that the willow warbler's legs are usually red and the chiffchaff's black. However, they are instantly distinguished by their songs. Also, the chiffchaff's two clinking notes come generally from high treetops, whereas the willow warbler sings in smaller trees (birch woods and spinneys).

Jacques

Homing in: five million willow warblers arrive each spring

It builds a domed nest like the chiffchaff — not, however, in the tops of brambles, but on the ground beneath them. It is harder to find a willow warbler's nest than a chiffchaff's at the beginning of the season, because the latter constantly calls "hooeet" when it is waiting to go down to the nest with a feather, while the willow warbler builds silently.

Willow warblers have spent the winter well to the south in Africa — nobody knows precisely where the British birds go, since Africa in December is packed with sojourning willow warblers from most of Europe and half of Asia. What we do know is that there have been some adverse weather conditions, either in the willow warblers' winter quarters or on their migration routes in the last few years, because there has been a slight drop in the summer population here.

Another warbler has been following hard on the hind claws of the willow warblers: the blackcap. This species, by contrast, has been rather more numerous here in recent summers. It has one of the wildest, richest songs of all the British birds, hurtled out as it slips through the upper branches of the oaks and ashes.

It is one of the birds to take a good look at now, before the leaves are fully out. The male, which is the singer, is a pale grey bird with a conspicuous black cap. The female has a brown cap. You can find them in woods and copses; sometimes gardens, when they have not yet reached their breeding sites.

With all the excitement of birds arriving from the south, it is easy to forget that a large departure to the north has also been taking place. The redwings and fieldfares sometimes announce their intention to leave. In the early spring, both species gather in flocks in treetops on the edge of the fields, and warble in a rambling, jangly way.

Sometimes I have heard the last of them singing like that while the song of a chiffchaff comes distinctly across the field from another woodland edge — the voices of winter and summer mingling.

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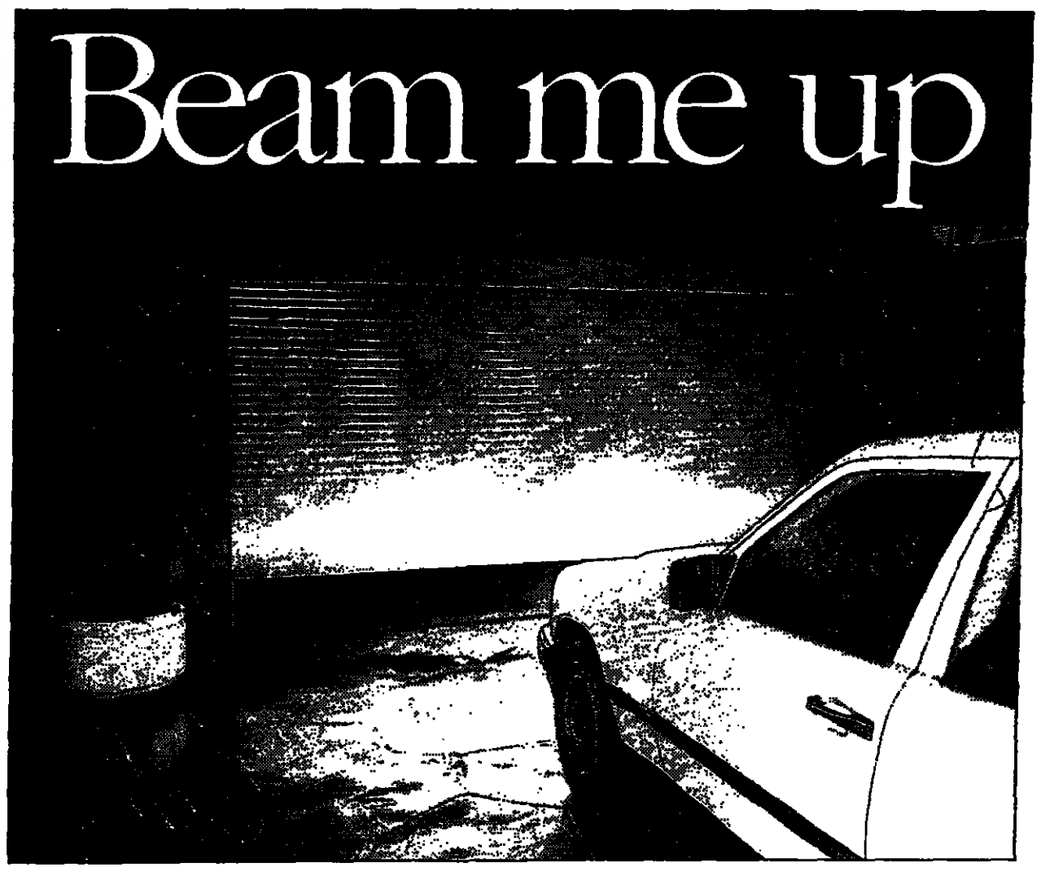

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Divas, tenors, arias and chips

Fast food is on the menu at the Royal Opera House. **Ivo Tennant** has a quick taste

Who says the Royal Opera House is not for the masses? Next week, while *La Favorita* by Donizetti plays on the stage (next Wednesday and Saturday), *outside*, in another corner of the building, hamburgers will be available before, during, afterwards and, indeed, for the foreseeable future. Never again can it be said *not to* have catholic appeal.

The Princess of Wales is due at the Royal Opera House next Saturday. If her sons accompany her, she may well choose to follow opera with a burger. She will find the former wardrobe-room, hitherto a sanctum in this grade I listed building, *pulsating not to arias* but to the Rolling Stones. The Royal Opera House, harmonising with the many changes in Covent Garden, has granted the lease to Maxwell's quick-food restaurant.

Whether the patrons in the grand tier, who will be paying £103 for a seat this week, will take to cajun popcorn (£3.75), buffalo wings (£3.25) or Sex on the Beach (£3.75; vodka, peach schnapps, orange juice, one cranberry, lime and grapefruit juice) is another matter. "I am sure there will be one or two people who will think this is *absolutely terrible*," says Brian Stein, the 49-year-old restaurateur behind the venture. "They will see it as another nail in the coffin of the old establishment. Six months later, they'll come and try it."

The wardrobe-room and dressing-rooms were moved last year to *bigger premises in the* Floral Hall, leaving a site ideal for a restaurant. There is an opening on to James Street, next to the Royal Opera House's shop and a few yards from the entrance to the amphitheatre and its relatively cheap seats. "I *don't think* we can *be justifiably* criticised," says Dick Ensor, head of development at the Royal Opera House. "Some people do not like the way Covent Garden has changed, but there is a lot of demand for eating out, and we are not giving a lease to the sort of place you find on the seafront at Southend."

Mr Stein, who owns several restaurants in the area, has been given a 25-year lease by the Royal Opera House. If, after a quarter of a century, the aficionados and the 1,000 people who work there daily have not come round to fast food, they never will. Expectations are that they will be won over: 230 seats are being installed in Maxwell's.

Mr Stein is doing his utmost to woo them all. More than £100,000 has been spent on sound-proofing, to ensure the Stones (and rhythm and blues, country rock and jazz) do not filter through to the rehearsal room immediately upstairs. He took advice from the New York Opera House. He would also have liked to transmit performances on to a screen in the restaurant, and put up signs saying "Please munch quietly — opera *in progress*", but the copyright laws forbade it.

He is aware that his potential clientèle will be nothing if not discerning. "It is an odd marriage, but odd marriages often work. And *the people who go to opera have* changed. A good hamburger, which should always be eaten with one's hands, can be one of the greatest meals. Even after being in Paris, I can come back to London and want one. I was brought up on them in roadhouses and drive-in cinemas in South Africa."

The 6oz hamburgers that Maxwell's will serve will be made of grade A beef, with lettuce, tomato and red onion, and will come with fries, apple coleslaw and dill pickle (£5.75). There will be a cheaper veggie burger. Other items on the menu, which is essentially American, will be *chimichanga* and *fajitas*, Mexican pancakes made of flour; mini *quesadilla*, which is a grilled flour tortilla stuffed with cheddar, chillies and spring onion; and blackened cajun meat, fish or chicken cooked in a cast-iron skillet. There will be a separate children's menu. A short, inexpensive wine *list takes in every important* wine-producing country except South Africa, which tells you much about Mr Stein's political views.

However, if global American cooking (as Maxwell's styles itself) is not for you, do not repine. The whiff of fried onion rings will not reach the grand tier or amphitheatre, nor even the seats with semi-restricted views. The neon signs beckoning passing trade on James Street will be dimly-lit. The Princess of Wales, should she be drawn to the char-grill, will find herself depicted in a mural the length of a wall.

● *Maxwell's, 071-836 0303.*

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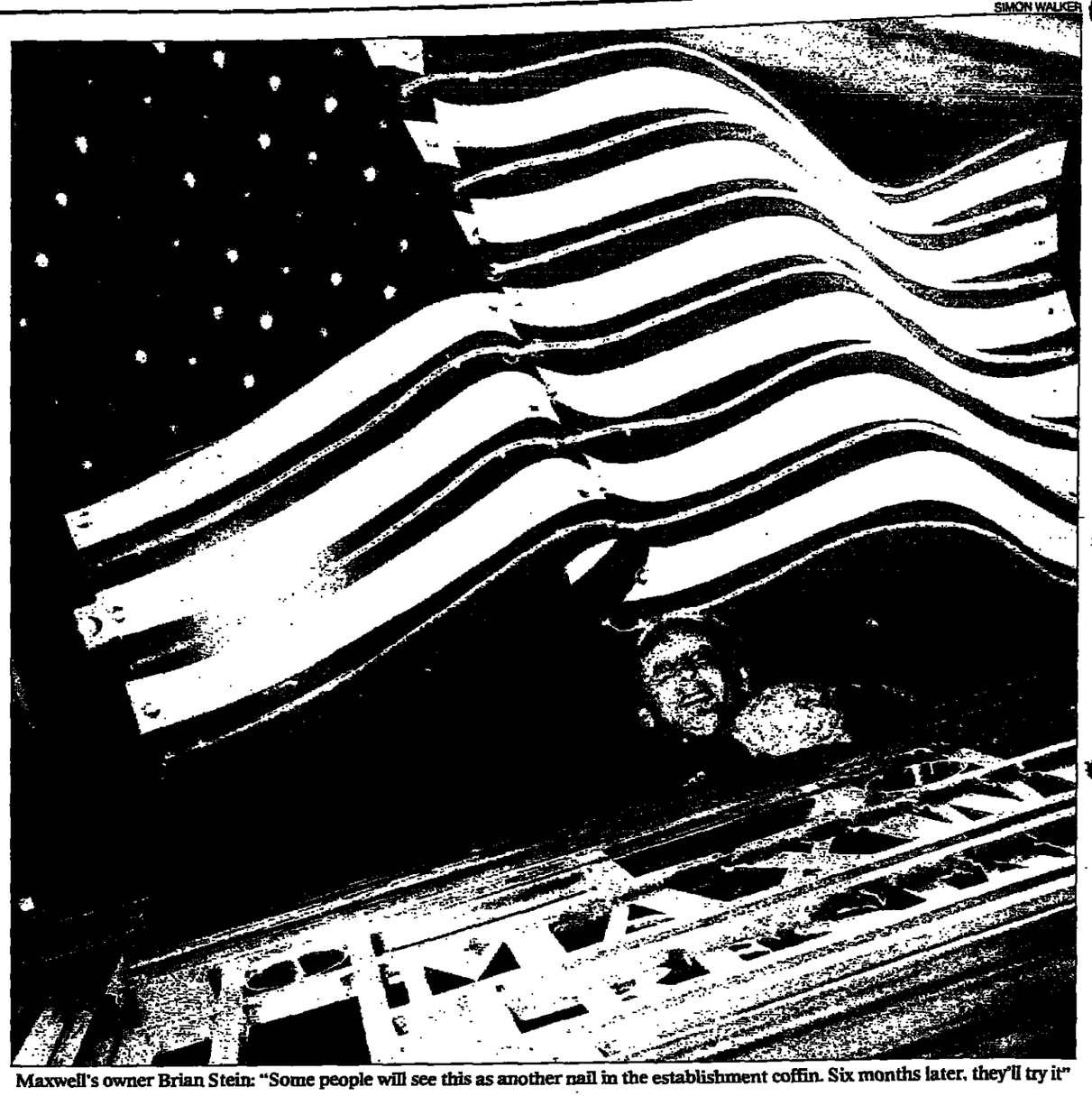

Maxwell's owner Brian Stein: "Some people will see this as another nail in the establishment coffin. Six months later, they'll try it"

Don't panic when the object of your desires arrives for dinner. **Julia Llewellyn Smith** has the answers

How to compose the food of love

"SHOULD I, after tea and *cake and ices./Have the strength* to force the moment to its crisis?" T.S. Eliot's Prufrock asked. He was speaking for all of us who have ever eaten a meal in the company of somebody we would like to know better. In such situations our minds are seldom wholly on the food in front of us, but dwelling on what will come afterwards.

Most romances are conducted initially in public places. The first meeting at somebody's home is always a significant step forward in any relationship. In restaurants and bars you may be judged on your table manners, mean tipping or mispronunciation of French names. At home your guest will be free to inspect your standards of cleanliness, your levels of taste, your record collection and contents of your bathroom cabinet.

After replacing your Jeffrey Archer novels with the complete works of Roland Barthes and sweeping a year's worth of dust under the carpet, cooking a meal may be the last thing you can face. But a dish in the *oven can be an excellent* excuse to slip away and check that your flies are not undone. And anyone who has seen Jack Lemmon straining spaghetti through a tennis racket, in the film *The Apartment*, will know that a man cooking *is a touching sight*.

Preparing a dinner for two is a far less daunting prospect than it may first appear. All the clichés apply: light your candles, put flowers on the table and restrain your passion for Whitesnake when it comes to background music. Cook a dish that is quick to make and which you have prepared countless times before. If you have to divide your attentions between the object of your desires and your recipe book, one will get neglected, *with potentially disastrous* results.

Do not give your first dinner together your best shot. If you toil for three days over your Raymond Blanc cookbook in preparation for the event, you will be setting a standard you may be unable to repeat. Such all-out effort should be saved for much later in the relationship, when your willingness to please may be less apparent. This, however, does not mean that frozen fish fingers and canned vegetables are in order. *You want to make* something that reveals your skill and imagination, and which promises greater things upon better acquaintance.

Similarly, blatant extravagance is not a good idea. If you, or your guest, are destined to break each other's hearts, then at least your bank balance will be relatively intact. No need to spend much on the main ingredients; it is the details that are important: fresh herbs, exotic types of bread, Heinz ketchup and Hellmann's mayonnaise will convince your guest that you know what the important things are in life. Have a good supply of alcohol in stock, but do not be too generous here or your evening may end sooner than you would like.

Serve nothing too blatantly aphrodisiac. If it really takes a cup of powdered rhinoceros horn to get your guest to fancy you, then it was not meant to be. And keep it neat. After an evening of sparkling conversation, nobody wants to look in *the mirror and find spinach* stuck between the teeth or bolognese sauce splattered down his or her shirt. You can behave like Albert Finney and Joyce Redman in *Tom Jones* when you know each other better.

Good guests arrive bearing a gift (but preferably not their toothbrush), offer to help, comment favourably on everything, and never, ever compare anything to the state of affairs at their ex's, or worse still their mother's.

So with all this in mind, try one of the following recipes. Results cannot be guaranteed, but all are quick and easy to make and contain ingredients exotic enough to impress but not so bizarre as to provoke violent stomach reactions or allergies. Naturally, all these recipes are for two.

Pasta with vodka

½ packet of penne pasta
lump of butter
tomato paste
small pot of single cream
quarter bottle of vodka (only 3 tbsp are needed, but the joy of this dish is that you can drink the rest while cooking)
fresh basil
salt and pepper

All of these ingredients, except the basil, can be kept in stock. Cook the pasta in plenty of boiling water. While it is cooking, melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the tomato paste to taste, then add the cream a little at a time, stirring constantly until they combine to make a smooth sauce.

When the pasta is ready, drain it, put it back in the pan. Take the sauce off the heat, add the vodka, and stir into the pasta. Add the basil, torn into small pieces, and salt and pepper *to taste*. Serve immediately.

Artichokes on toast

ciabatta bread (thick slices of white bread will do but ciabatta is the best)
jar of artichokes in oil (on sale in large branches of Sainsbury's)
cheddar cheese, grated
lemon juice
pepper

Toast the bread very lightly, then cover with the artichokes cut in half. Put the grated cheese on top with a drop of lemon juice and sprinkling of pepper. Put back under the grill until the cheese is bubbling.

Kidneys in mustard

6 lamb's kidneys
butter
pot of *single* cream
pot of sour cream
pot of whole-grain mustard
rice
green beans

Wash the kidneys, and cut in half, removing the hard centres. Fry them in butter. Meanwhile mix the two creams and stir in the mustard a bit at a time, tasting constantly.

When the kidneys are ready, stir in the sauce. Add seasoning to taste. Serve with rice to soak up the sauce, and with green beans.

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SNAIL'S PROGRESS
L'Escargot
48 Greek Street, Soho, London W1 (071-437 2679)
Garry Hollihead and David Cavalier reopened the brasserie *this* week, and the refurbished upstairs restaurant starts up again on Tuesday. Diners help themselves to provincial dishes such as *pot au feu*, boudins, and *boeuf bourguignon* in the brasserie. On the main restaurant menu, dishes include pressed terrine of rabbit and pistachio, braised turbot with roast endive, beef with Parma ham and sage, and a baked brioche and pear pudding. Set lunch menu £27.50 (three courses). Reckon £20 to £25 in the brasserie, £30 to £35 upstairs.

RESTAURANT WATCH

Brasserie: 12.15-2.30pm and 6-11.30pm, seven days a week. Restaurant: 12.15-2.30pm and 7-11.30pm (closed Saturday lunch and *Sunday*).

CAPITAL CANTEEN
The Square Wine Bar & Restaurant
Tolmers Square, London NW1 (071-388 6010)
This is the local favourite with Capital Radio staff, hidden away in a pedestrian precinct as part of the Prudential building at the junction of Hampstead and Euston Roads. The wine bar is open from 8am for breakfasts to 11pm, Mondays to Fridays. Advisable to book at lunch *time. Victoria Willison does all* the cooking, including a daily fresh soup and *plat du jour*. A big chargrill serves steaks and chops. Recommended dessert: bananas with hot chocolate sauce. The repertoire of some 50 wines is constantly changing, *but the last week in April* and first in May will see a special promotion for wines from Argentina and Chile. Reckon £18 to £20 for a three-course meal and bottle of house wine.

ON QUEUE
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41 Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland
(0289 308827)
Elizabeth Middlemiss has now started informal counter-service lunches at her wonderfully personal restaurant in what was once a plumber's shop. She does set-piece dinners on Wednesday to Saturday nights (set meal £18.50, 7.30 for 8pm). No booking for lunches (Monday to Friday 11.30am-2.30pm, first come, first served), which are "all freshly prepared, immediate food", with starters and sweets mostly less than £3, and main courses about £4. Selection of wines by the glass.

FOOD SPY

Olive oil may not be quite what it seems

Acid test of a real virgin

OLIVE oil is good for you. The *monounsaturated oleic acid* in olive oil helps combat the build-up of cholesterol. But if olive oil is good, extra-virgin is surely better? It is supposed to be, but it seems that in oils, as in the Bible, there are both wise and foolish virgins.

In theory, extra-virgin olive oil should be the first pressing of olives in a cold press. In practice, however, the real requirement has been that to be extra-virgin, the finished product must have an acid content less than 1 per cent. There are many ways to achieve this, and not all our extra-virgins have such unsullied virtue as they pretend.

What is strangest about the acid test is that the acidity need have no detectable effect on taste. It is impossible even for *experts to tell the acidity of an* oil by taste or scent.

The acids which taste acidic (such as acetic acid in vinegar, butyric acid in rancid butter, and citric acid in lemon juice) have relatively few carbon atoms in their make-up. Oleic acid, *the distinctive* ingredient of olive oil, has many more. As a result, it has little or no odour, is practically insoluble in water, and tasteless.

This is not say acid content has no importance. Olive oil freshly pressed from sound ripe fruit contains very low amounts of free fatty acid; oil from damaged olives is characterised by a higher level. The higher the acid content, the less easy the oil is to digest, and the sooner it is likely to become rancid as the oleic acid molecules break down.

If acid content is no immediate guide to what an *olive oil* will taste like, then neither are colour nor country of origin. Judy Ridgway, who wrote a paper on olive oil for the EC, organised a tasting recently to demonstrate this, using branded oils from supermarket shelves *to show that* depth of colour was no guide to strength of taste.

It would have been possible, Miss Ridgway said, to produce the full range of styles and flavours from any one of the EC producing countries, *with the possible* exception of France, where the more northerly climate limits the types of olives that can be grown.

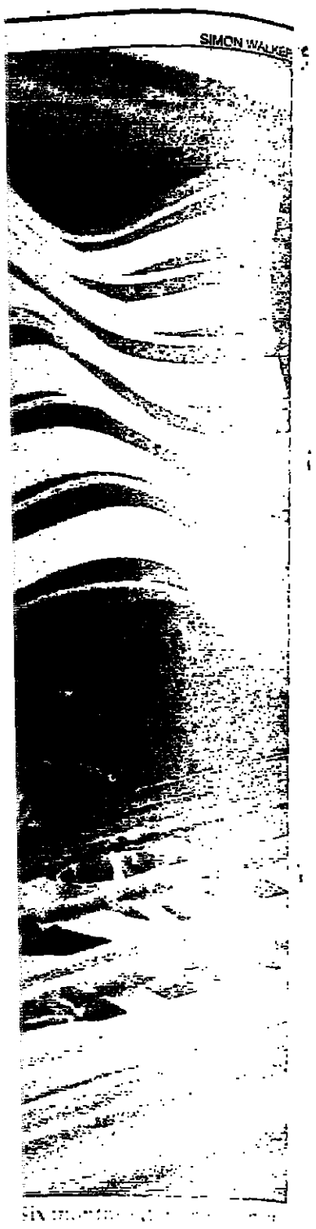
There are olive varieties — the Greek Kalamata for example and Tuscan Frantoio — which have marked effects on the style of the resulting oil, and there are recognisable regional differences in the style consumers prefer. Tuscan oil is expected to be green and fragrant, Ligurian light and delicate, Puglian to have a bitter-almond note. Sicilian *oil is supposed to be grassy*.

"But", says Francesco Giusti, an Italian restaurateur who has written books on the subject, "you can find terrible oils in Tuscany and Umbria, and excellent ones in Calabria."

Until now, oil has been able to change its region of origin simply by being transported before bottling. At a recent tasting to launch Laudemio estate-bottled Tuscan oils, which retail at about £14 a bottle, the point was made that after the Big Freeze of 1985, there should have been no Tuscan oil for sale. Yet mysteriously, Tuscan oil continued to flow from estates which had no olives. *Italy always consumes* more olive oil than it produces, yet it is the world's second-largest exporter.

How, then, to pick one's way through this maze? The only answer is to buy oils from reputable sources and to have a number of different styles available at any one time. I keep two pricey estate-bottlings for dinner party dressings, one mild, the other peppery. Then I have a branded extra-virgin for everyday use, and a "pure" olive oil for cookery.

ROBIN YOUNG
Cooking with olive oil, opposite page



Oiling the wheels of summer

With the promise of sunshine ahead, **Frances Bissell** opens the olive oil

ONE way of hurrying summer into the kitchen is to add a splash of sunshine with a rich, fruity olive oil. Why it should be so redolent of summer is hard to fathom, since olives ripen in the autumn and are harvested and made into oil in the winter. Nevertheless, the sight of a bottle of cloudy green or clear golden oil, or the smell of fish frying in olive oil, or olive oil poured on toasted sourdough bread, rubbed with garlic and ripe tomatoes, are quite enough to evoke the rest of summer's pleasures.

We are lucky in the variety of extra-virgin olive oils now available to us in delicatessens and supermarkets. There are olive oils to suit every palate, and the variety in flavour is quite extraordinary. The best way to find ones you like is to take part in an olive-oil tasting. I am not convinced that reading the findings of a tasting panel is helpful. I have taken part in such tastings in the past and was not surprised to find almost as many different verdicts as there were oils. I did not care at all for one oil, which turned out to be from a very famous Tuscan producer. On the other hand, I like most of the creamy Ligurian olive oils.

In recent years, I have enjoyed the Spanish extra-virgin oils from Catalonia and Andalusia, the Portuguese extra-virgin olive oil from Quinta la Rosa, and one of my favourites, an extra-virgin olive oil called Kydonia, from Crete, where it has been made for 2,000 years. And now that the new olive trees in Tuscany, planted after the devastating frosts of 1985, are producing, there are fine estate-bottled Tuscan oils available of the 1992 crop, under the Laudemio label.

However, you might have quite different tastes. An inexpensive and fascinating way to judge this is to hold an olive oil tasting at home, perhaps before Sunday lunch or supper. Invite all your guests to bring a bottle of extra-virgin olive oil that they like, covered in brown paper. Number all the bottles, have chunks of bread in a basket and, to clear the palate, slices of apple. Taste each oil by dipping in bread or drinking it from a spoon. But first pour a little into your hands, rub them together and inhale the aromas. Having tasted all the oils, taken notes on them and ranked them in order of preference, uncover the bottles to reveal all. You will do just as well as the experts.

Olive oil is versatile and has many uses in the kitchen. Apart from being indispensable to the well-dressed salad, it adds flavour to marinades and soups. Brushed on fish and shellfish before grilling, olive oil makes a protective barrier and helps to prevent drying out. It can be used to baste meats which have no layer of fat or marbling. Fragrant olive oil is an excellent frying medium, with a high smoke point, but it is also, I discover, an excellent medium for poaching.

In Les Landes, in southwest France, I came across a recipe for poaching salmon in goose fat. It was just as good when I cooked it at home, following advice to keep the fat no hotter than 80C so that the fish would not fry. For most of us, I imagine extra-virgin olive oil is more available than goose fat, and I have used it in today's recipe with cod steaks. Duck fat works very well too as a poaching medium.

A dish of cod and olive oil begins to have hints of Portugal, enhanced by the addition of a garlic coriander sauce. Hake, salmon and monkfish can all be cooked in the same way. A fresh, crisp vinho verde, the young "green" wine of Portugal, will go down very well with this.

The traditional Portuguese soup of dark green shredded cabbage and potato, caldo verde, liberally doused with olive oil, would make a good starter. So too would steamed sea kale or broccoli sprouts served with an orange mousseline sauce. Use a blood orange or, if you have any in the freezer, a Seville orange. For mayonnaise, particularly a delicate mousseline sauce, I prefer to use grapeseed oil to a powerfully-flavoured olive oil. More pleasant than merely neutral, grapeseed oil is also good for frying food.

DIANA LEADBETTER

Orange mousseline sauce

(makes about ¼ pt/140ml)

This sauce uses uncooked egg

1 large free-range egg, at room temperature, and separated

1 orange

salt and pepper

½ tsp Dijon or grain mustard

¼ pt/140ml grapeseed oil

Put the egg yolk in a bowl with the finely grated zest of orange, seasoning and mustard. Mix thoroughly, and, drop by drop, add the oil, beating and stirring continuously. When the mixture thickens, the oil can be added in greater quantity. Squeeze the juice from the orange, and use some of it to flavour the mayonnaise. Whisk the egg white to firm peaks and fold into the mayonnaise.

Steam or poach your chosen vegetables, and serve warm or tepid with the mousseline sauce.

New potatoes

Olive oil can be used to flavour stove-top new potatoes, which accompany fish dishes very well. To make them, scrub and parboil the potatoes, and then drain thoroughly. Put about ¼ in/0.5cm extra-virgin olive oil in a heavy, lidded saucepan. Put in the potatoes, cover with the lid, and set over moderate heat. Shake from time to time to prevent them from burning and to encourage browning all over.

Sprinkle with coarse sea-salt before serving.

Olive oil poached cod with coriander sauce

(serves 4)

4 x 6oz/170g small, thick cod fillets

salt and pepper

1 lemon

olive oil for poaching

Tie the cod fillets into a neat shape, and season lightly. Grate lemon zest on the fish, and sprinkle it with lemon juice. Leave for half an hour or so. Heat the oil to 80C in a pan just large enough to hold the fish in a single layer. Blot any excess moisture from the fish, and lower each piece into the oil. Poach for 10 - 12 minutes, longer if the fillets are very thick. Remove from the oil, drain, and serve on heated plates. Serve with the coriander sauce, which you can make just after seasoning the fish.

Coriander sauce

(serves 4)

1 head of garlic

bunch of coriander, trimmed and well washed

3oz/85g blanched almonds

salt and pepper

Peel the garlic, and put the cloves in a saucepan, barely covered with water. Bring to the boil, and throw the water away. Barely cover the garlic with water again, or use semi-skimmed milk, and cook until the garlic is soft. Chop the coriander, and put it in a blender or food processor. Pour on some of the hot garlic water, and process for a few seconds. Add the garlic and almonds, and process further, gradually adding the rest of the garlic water. Season to taste, and serve with the fish.

To finish a meal I sometimes like to return to a flavour I have used earlier in a different context. Thus oranges appear today in both savoury and sweet dishes. Using oil in place of butter in cakes makes for a heavier texture. This is counterbalanced by carefully sifting the flour and using extra egg whites. Serve the cake cold as a pudding, with a glass of sweet wine, such as an orange muscat.

The cake also keeps well if wrapped or stored in an airtight box in the refrigerator. Sweet wine can also replace the orange juice in the recipe.

Orange oil and orange flower water are available from Culpepers. If you cannot get the oil, use extra orange zest, from which, of course, orange oil is derived.

Orange and olive oil cake

5 free-range eggs, separated plus extra 2 egg whites

6oz/170g caster or light muscovado sugar

grated zest of an orange

½ tsp orange oil

1 tsp orange flower water

1 tbsp orange liqueur

½ lb/230g flour, sifted 2 or 3 times

good pinch of salt

4fl oz/110ml freshly squeezed orange juice

4fl oz/110ml olive oil

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar until pale and fluffy. Fold in the zest, oil, orange flower water and liqueur. Beat the flour into the mixture gradually, making sure the salt is added at this stage. Add the orange juice and olive oil, making sure that the batter is well mixed. Whisk the egg whites to firm peaks, and then fold into the batter. Line a loose-bottomed 8in/20cm cake tin with greaseproof paper and butter generously. Pour the batter in, and smooth the top. Bake in the top half of a pre-heated oven at 190C/375F, gas mark 5 for 20 minutes. Turn down to 170C/325F, gas mark 3, and bake for a further 20 minutes. Turn the heat off, cover the cake with a piece of buttered greaseproof paper to stop further browning, and let the cake settle for 10 minutes. The cake behaves like a soufflé and will sink. This does not spoil the flavour or texture at all. Remove from the oven, and turn the cake on to a rack to cool.

Wine's human touch

What nature begins, man perfects in the winery, **Jane MacQuitty** reports

While winemakers must acknowledge that influences beyond themselves fashion the world's wines, their input and influence is growing.

Man has no real control over climate, soil and established vineyard site. Nor can winemakers dictate when the sun will shine or the rain fall. Yet at the everyday end of the wine spectrum "winemaker wines" are increasingly available. Unlike the pricier *méthode ancienne* wines, these new-wave bottles bear the stamp of new technology above all else.

My first taste of these new-wave wines was a decade ago in Portugal. Since then, wine school-trained whiz-kids — principally from Australia, or at least Australian-trained — have flown the world with their high-tech art. They make a host of clean, sometimes stylish, primary fruit flavour wines from popular grape varieties, mostly out of southern French co-operatives.

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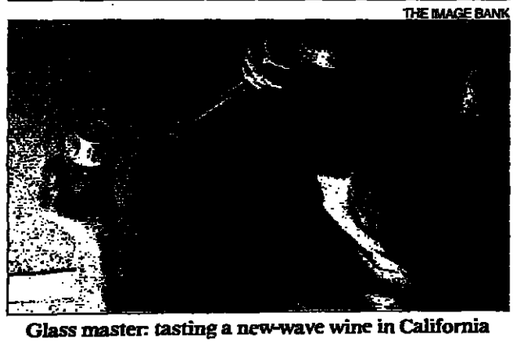

Glass master: tasting a new-wave wine in California

Hugh Ryman's shining HDR wines — produced in France, Hungary, Moldavia and, soon, South Africa — are the most successful by far of these, because of their excellent quality and low price. No wonder high-street giants such as Sainsbury's, Thresher, Victoria Wine, Safeway and Majestic stock them.

Last year, Tesco joined the club with its six-strong "International Winemaker" range, and four new editions arrived this month, again under the direction of Jacques Lurton, the Bordeaux winemaker, who has also done his stint in Australia. M Lurton's **1992 Semillon-Riesling** from the Barossa (Tesco £3.79) is light, sherbety and pleasant, as is the jammy, macerated **1992 Pinot Noir-Merlot** (Tesco £3.99) from the same place.

Other far-flung winemakers' wines worth looking out for soon include James Herrick's from his La Motte estate in Narbonne, southwest France. Oddbins will stock his first **1992 Chardonnay** for £4.99 next week.

Sainsbury's vibrant new £2.99 **Do Campo** red and white is Peter Bright's latest release in Britain. Spain too is likely to be a future source of many winemakers' wines — like Hungary and the rest of eastern Europe, its new high-tech ways will show an immediate and usually dramatic kick-on in quality. A typical example is M Lurton's zippy **1992 Rueda Sauvignon Blanc** (Sainsbury's, £3.99).

Why all these winemakers' wines work has little to do with vineyards, and rather more with wineries. Here, vastly improved hygiene, new yeast strains, clarification and cold fermentation of the juice give instant results, usually in the shape of easy, fruity, gulpable wines, such as Bulgaria's brilliantly rich and fruity **Young Vatted Cabernet Sauvignon** and **Merlot** (Safeway, £2.85).

Best buys

- **Do Campo Branco** *and* **Tinto** *(Portugal). Sainsbury's £2.99.*
- **1992 Rueda Sauvignon Blanc** *(Spain). Sainsbury's £3.99.*
- **1992 Gyöngyös Estate Sauvignon** *and* **Chardonnay** *(Hungary), Safeway £3.30, Thresher and Sainsbury's £3.29.*
- **1991 Slovakian Pinot Blanc** *(Slovakia), The Victoria Wine Company £2.99..*
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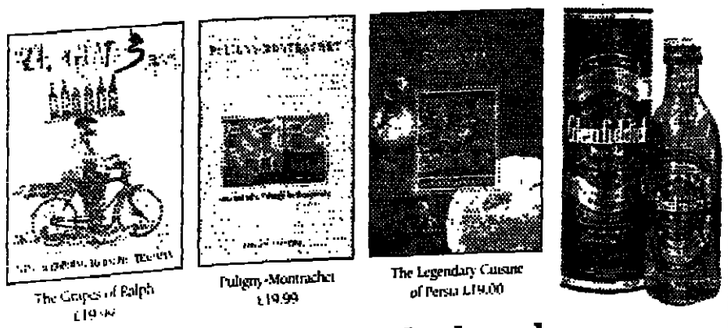

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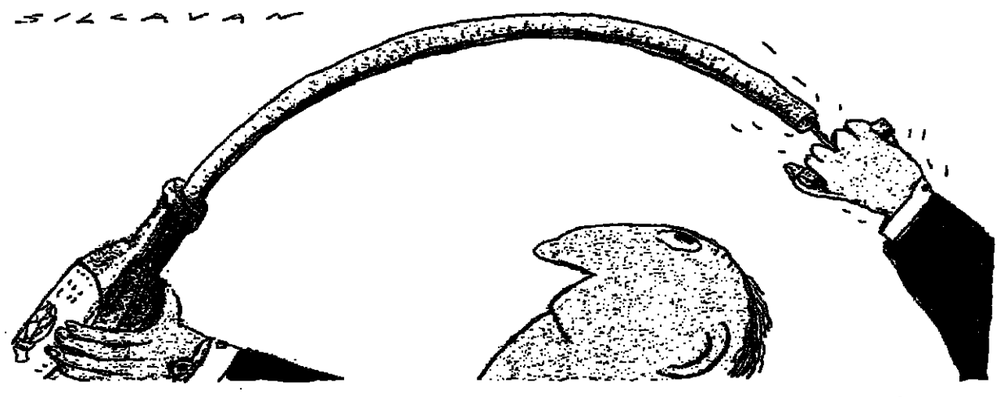

Taste the best of Burgundy at the Faiveley masterclass

As the Burgundians tend to stay at home and their best wines often end up outside Britain, occasions such as the forthcoming Burgundy masterclasses organised by *The Times* and Majestic Wine Warehouses are rare *(Jane MacQuitty writes)*.

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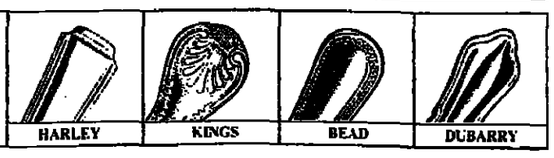

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From Russia with love

Ruth Gledhill stands in spiritual awe amid the faithful and penitent at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral in London

THE word "orthodoxy" means right belief or right worship. The emphasis in orthodoxy is on love, the greatest of the three graces listed by St Paul. And the love shown at this cathedral is paying off. This is one church in Britain where the congregation is growing by the week, as increasing numbers of Russians travel to the West and return to their ancient faith.

In Britain, the Orthodox include Greek, Serbian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Antiochian and Oriental churches, with a total membership of about 250,000.

I attended the cathedral church of the Russian Orthodox diocese of Sourozh, which covers the British Isles and has about 3,000 members. The diocese comes under spiritual jurisdiction of Patriarch Alexis of Moscow and All Russia. The worldwide Orthodox church consists of a number of self-governing churches, although all acknowledge the honorary primacy of the Patriarch of Constantinople, along with the three other ancient patriarchates of Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem.

The service lasted about two and a half hours, and for much of it the members of the 200-strong congregation stood, bowed and occasionally prostrated themselves in veneration. Irina Kirillova, a member of the diocesan assembly and parish council, said: "It is the good Orthodox principle that you are transported into another level of being and you forget about time."

Orthodox churches rarely have pews because these inhibit freedom of worship and impede the various processions, although chairs were supplied for those who find standing difficult. The number who remained standing throughout was impressive, considering the strict adherence by Orthodox Christians to their Lenten fast. The Orthodox Lent lasts seven weeks, longer than the non-Orthodox, and during this period no meat, fish, animal products, olive oil or alcohol are allowed. Most of those present were keeping this fast, and the slow, sad rhythm of our service was a sign of the Lenten mood, in preparation for the feast of Easter.

The service was celebrated by Archbishop Anatoly of Kerch, who came to England in December 1991 to minister to the influx of Russians that followed Yeltsin's accession to power. He arrived fresh from work with Orthodox Christians living in some tension among the Muslim Tartars in Kerch and Ufa, southwest of the Urals. His understated style of worship is complemented by an amazed sparkle in his eyes, suggesting astonishment at the changes that have brought him to the West and freed the Russian Church from repression in the East.

Before the service began, a small bookshop inside the church did a brisk trade in books from the East, alongside Western tracts such as St Augustine's *Confessions*. Many of the Russians arriving here have a deep faith but little knowledge of their church, and are reading avidly. Catechetical classes have been laid on to help them. Father Alexander Fostiropoulos, the Orthodox chaplain at London university, took confessions in open church before and during the service, as is Orthodox practice.

In the Orthodox church, priests can marry but bishops and archbishops must be celibate. In line with this, the three parish priests in London are married.

Beyond listening, praying silently, meditating and receiving communion, the congregation took no part in the service. The liturgy followed a pattern similar to non-Orthodox churches, with psalms, epistle and gospel readings followed by the Creed, the consecration of the bread and wine, the Lord's Prayer and the communion. Only the sermon seemed out of place, coming at the end of the service instead of before the Creed, and lasting rather longer than most non-Orthodox sermons.

Archbishop Anatoly wore black, the symbolic colour for Lent, although after midnight tonight he will celebrate in white because the beatitudes from Christ's Sermon on the Mount sung in Slavonic to an old chant.

A small relic of the venerated 9th-century patriarch, Paul of Constantinople, was brought to England from Mount Athos by the choirmaster, Father Michael, and has been incorporated into the altar, set behind the *iconostasis*, a screen covered with icons. Over the altar burns the lampada, wicks in oil, symbolising prayers of supplication or intercession. The screen represents a window on to the transfigured world of the risen Christ in the sanctuary, and is beneath the half dome at the end of the white-washed church. Each wall was hung with many icons, most with candles or lampada before them.

Among the worshippers were a mother and daughter from Bulgaria, two Serbian women wearing headscarves and at least one convert from the Church of England. Before the service the icons were censed, with clouds of incense from a thurible on a long chain. The sanctuary was censed often during the service, and the congregation censed during the reading of the epistle and after the gospel. Worshippers often crossed themselves, from right to left, the opposite to other Churches.

The congregation received communion standing. Children can receive communion from baptism. They go to their first confession at seven, when they are considered to have become aware of sin.

The archbishop began his sermon with "Dear brothers and sisters", and asked us to think about the meaning the Church puts into its Lenten services.

It would be easy to think of this church, near to Harrods, behind the Roman Catholics' Brompton Oratory and the Anglicans' Holy Trinity, as an exotic import from the East bearing little relation to traditional British Christianity. But after these hours of concentration on penitence and mystery, with nothing to say but much to think about, Russian Orthodoxy seemed instead an embodiment of the universal spirit of Christianity as it was from the beginning.

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ARCHITECTURE: Early Christian basilica-style, built 1849 by Lewis Vulliamy.★★★

MUSIC: Early medieval chants, such as the Kiev chant, harmonised by 19th and 20th-century composers and performed by the cathedral's small, mixed choir standing in a gallery. The most beautiful chant, the Beatitudes from Christ's Sermon on the Mount, was sung to a harmonisation of an ancient chant used by blind pilgrims.★★★

LITURGY: That of St John Chrysostum, a teaching saint in Orthodoxy. The wording and ritual are unchanged since the 7th century, though translated from Greek.★★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: The Russians were apologetic that, because of building work, no tea or coffee could be offered. As a sign of fellowship, non-Orthodox visitors receive leavened bread blessed during communion.★★

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The schism centred on a phrase in the Creed, the filioque, meaning "and the son", which refers to the idea that the Holy Ghost proceeds from the father and the son. The filioque was added to the Nicene creed in the sixth century and adopted at Rome soon after the year 1000, in spite of persistent opposition from the East. But the two were already divided over Papal claims. The Roman church saw itself as the centre of unity for entire Christendom, while the eastern Christians believed the church consisted of five patriarchates of almost equal status.

In a revised edition of his standard work on the Orthodox Church, to be published later this month, Timothy Ware, a fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, refers to the primacy of the sacraments in worship. "Orthodoxy rejects any attempt to diminish the materiality of the sacraments," he says. The Orthodox believe in *metousiosis*, that during the consecration the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. Most Orthodox avoid the use of the Catholic term, transubstantiation, to describe this process.

At the service I attended, mysticism and symbolism were central to the liturgy, delivered in English and Church Slavonik, a language, like Latin, no longer spoken outside the church. Prayers for the Queen, royal family and government were in English, and the Orthodox churches this year celebrate Easter one week after most other churches, since they calculate the date using the old Julian calendar. The archbishop's robes, crowned by a jewelled mitre, were ornate and glistened with gold, the sign that he is Christ's representative.

Eastern and western Christendom have been estranged since 1054, when three legates of Pope Leo IX placed a bull of excommunication against the Easterns on the altar of St Sophia in Constantinople, one of the most beautiful churches in the world, which became a mosque after the city fell to the Turks in 1453. After centuries of doctrinal debate, the excommunication was the final breach normally marking a great schism.

TIM BISHOP

Lenten robes: Archbishop Anatoly conducts the Orthodox service

Disposable cameras first appeared in the shops about six years ago and their advantages were quickly recognised. Now, as well as being cheap, easy to use, small and lightweight, they have become more sophisticated with flash, panoramic and underwater versions available.

Stephen Markeson, a staff photographer on *The Times*, put a selection through their paces. He says: "It must be remembered that these are simple point-and-shoot cameras and can only be expected to perform well under good lighting conditions. All the cameras produced results that exceeded my expectations." He also tested one of the latest cheap reusable cameras to compare its results with the disposable models.

The cost of developing works out at 40p to 50p per print — about twice that of reusable cameras because you are paying for the camera as well as the film. Panoramic prints are even more expensive at about £1.30 each. Even so, a disposable camera is useful as a spare or for use in places where you would not risk taking a more expensive camera.

A snip for snappers

Disposable cameras are a neat and practical idea, but how good are the photographs? **Nicole Swengley** is in the picture

STEPHEN MARKESON

POINT, SHOOT AND HAND THEM BACK

BASIC (without flash)

● Kodak Fun 35mm, £5.49, preloaded with Kodak Gold II 400 ASA film, 24 exposures. Dimensions: 101mm x 38mm x 56mm. Weight: 127g. Stephen Markeson comments: easy to hold. Good lens resolution and depth of focus. The finished machine prints showed a slight green cast that made the pictures look "cold".

● Fujicolor QuickSnap Plus 3, £4.99, preloaded with Fujicolor Super G 400 ASA film, 27 exposures. Dimensions: 104mm x 25mm x 56mm. Weight: 127g. Stephen Markeson comments: easy to hold, good lens resolution and depth of focus. Finished machine prints were "cold" with a green cast.

● Konica Film-In, £4.99, preloaded with 33mm Konica Super SR 400 ASA film, 24 exposures. Dimensions: 119mm x 28mm x 56mm. Weight: 127g. Stephen Markeson comments: marginally easier to hold than the Kodak or Fuji. Good lens resolution and depth of focus. Very crisp results. Colour was good on finished machine prints. I was very impressed.

PANORAMIC

● Kodak Fun 35mm Panoramic, £7.99, with wide-angle lens, pre-loaded with Kodak Gold II 200 ASA film. 12 exposures. Takes 89mm x 254mm photographs. Dimensions: 101mm x 38mm x 56mm. Weight: 127g. Stephen Markeson comments: unnecessarily confusing viewfinder with fussy centre circle on legs. No explanation of its purpose. Not as nice to handle as the other panoramic cameras tested. But the finished results were stunning. Excellent edge-to-edge sharpness with good definition and depth of focus. I would be happy to get similar results on my professional camera.

● Fujicolor QuickSnap Panorama Plus 3, £7.99, with wide-angle lens, preloaded with Fujicolor Super G 400 ASA 15 exposures. Dimensions: 106mm x 30mm x 56m. Weight: 141g. Stephen Markeson comments: the viewfinder was much easier to use than the Kodak. Comes a good second to the Kodak in finished print quality. Slightly "colder" finished print result but similar edge-to-edge sharpness.

● Konica Film-In Panorama, £7.99, with 17mm f/13.05 fixed wide-angle lens, preloaded with Konica Super SR 400 ASA film. 24 exposures. It has a shutter speed of 1/100sec and can be used on subjects as close as 30cm. Dimensions: 119mm x 30mm x 58mm. Weight: 141g. Stephen Markeson comments: very wide lens. Easy-to-use viewfinder. Finished print slightly "cold" and the sharpness was not edge-to-edge.

UNDERWATER

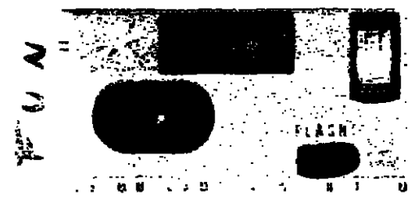
Stephen Markeson says: I was also asked to test underwater disposable cameras. Unfortunately, the editor would not sanction a trip to the Caribbean, so I cannot report fully on these. It is important to remember that these cameras are designed for use in bright sunny conditions and clear water. Their use in the local swimming pool may prove disappointing. The light levels would be too low and the cameras are loaded with daylight-sensitive film, not suitable for use under artificial light.

● Fujicolor QuickSnap Plus 3 Marine, £9.19, with wrist strap, preloaded with Fujicolor Super G 400 ASA film, 27 exposures. Watertight to 3m. Dimensions: 114mm x 51mm x 76mm. Weight: 198g. Stephen Markeson comments: Nice to handle, with a very clever, easy-to-use, large finger lever as a shutter release. Small magnifier on the film counter makes it easier to see under water.

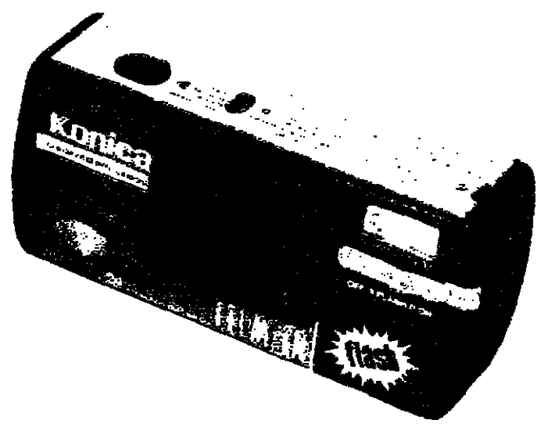
● Kodak Fun Aquatic 35mm waterproof camera, £8.99, preloaded with Kodak Gold II 400 ASA film, 24 exposures. Designed to keep out rain or sand and waterproof to 2½m. Dimensions: 101mm x 51mm x 56mm. Weight: 198g. Stephen Markeson comments: I thought the Fuji had a better design. Amusing misspelling in the instructions, "for picture taking outside by sinlight".

HOW TO USE

● Disposable cameras have fixed-focus, fixed-aperture lenses and one shutter speed. You wind on by turning a wheel, switch on the flash if required, aim, and press the shutter button. A counter indicates the number of exposures left. The preloaded 400 or 200 ASA films produce good pictures in a wide variety of light conditions.



Kodak Fun 35mm flash (above), £8.99, preloaded with Kodak Gold II 400 ASA film, 24 exposures. Dimensions: 127mm x 30mm x 56mm. Weight: 170g. Stephen Markeson comments: the flash "ready" light was visible from the top of the camera and to the side of the viewfinder, which means you don't have to take your eye away from the viewfinder. To charge the flash you slide a button on the front. As with the other flash cameras tested, you need to take care not to cover the flash with your left hand when you take the picture. Good sharp results but a green cast to the finished prints gave a "cold" appearance.



Konica Film-in Flash (above), £7.99, preloaded with 35mm Konica Super SR 400 film, 24 exposures. Dimensions: 116mm x 30mm x 56mm. Weight: 170g. Stephen Markeson comments: unlike the other flash cameras tested you must remember to switch off the flash after use. Good lens resolution and depth of focus. "Warmer" finished print result was more pleasing than the Kodak or Fuji prints.

Fujicolor QuickSnap Plus 3 Flash (top, shown to scale), £7.99, preloaded with Fujicolor Super G 400 ASA film, 27 exposures. Dimensions: 117mm x 25mm x 56mm. Weight: 155g. Stephen Markeson comments: clever push switch on the front to charge the flash. Good, sharp results but with a green cast. The picture on the left was taken with this camera.

Vivitar Eco 35 (right), £9.99, a reusable 35mm camera with cord neck-strap, won an award from the Industrial Design Society of America. Preloaded with a 24-exposure Kodak Gold II 200 ASA film. Can be reloaded with a thumbwheel advance and manual rewind. Film view window shows film loaded, film type and number of exposures. Comes with operating instructions and one-year warranty. Dimensions: 107mm x 67mm x 40mm. Weight: 127g. Stephen Markeson comments: similar size to the disposables. Very good lens resolution and depth of focus. Finished machine prints were more pleasing than those from some of the disposable cameras as the colours were "warmer". The ecological advantages, mentioned in the instructions, of a reusable camera rather than a disposable seem moot. The picture on the far right was taken with this camera.

Building a safe haven for Tarka

Kari Knight visits the Otter Trust in Norfolk, where the species is thriving

Out on Far Marsh, two five-year-olds were getting excited. "Look," said one, "otters!" "Yes," sighed the other, her dreams come true. They ran off and chased the otters, which took off and flew away because, unfortunately, they were ducks.

But that's what you get when city children bring their understanding of the wild to a project as alien to them as the Otter Trust.

Far Marsh is part of the trust's 30-acre reserve in Earsham, Suffolk, close to the Norfolk border. The trust is one of 221 wildlife sites noted in *The Really Wild Guide to Britain*, an adjunct to BBC1's popular natural-history series *The Really Wild Show*. The book gives details of wildlife sites geared to helping visitors to understand animals and their behaviour.

The trust was founded by Jeanne and Philip Wayre (now on to his eighth book on otters), whose life's work has been the conservation and propagation of the threatened *British otter*. The numbers of otters in Britain have declined alarmingly during the past 30 years, as a result of modern farming methods and pollution, and the same is true of other parts of Europe.

The Wayres' pioneering breeding programme began at the Norfolk Wildlife Park in Great Witchingham, where the Otter Trust was founded in 1971. Mr Wayre says: "I bred my first pair of otters in 1963. In those days the Ministry of Agriculture had a *coypu extermination programme*, and the traps often caught otters, which would be shot for the skins. I said I would have them, and I either released them or kept them, and that was how I built up a stock of seven of eight."

Mrs Wayre adds: "In order to establish our reintroduction programme, it was necessary to find a suitable site. After looking for several years, we decided to sink all our funds into River Farm, which we bought in 1975." The farm is ideal because it borders the River Waveney.

"Rearing otters is a long process: an otter produces young when it has passed two years old, often only producing one or two cubs per litter. Then the cubs are reliant on the mother for nine months, during which time the slightest disturbance could be fatal," Mrs Wayre says. "An otter lives for seven years and only produces two litters in that time."

Today, the reserve has the largest collection of European and British otters in the world. To date it has recorded 32 successful breedings from 19 reintroductions into the wild, and in some parts of Norfolk the numbers are back to what they were before the drastic decline in the 1970s.

BRYN COLTON

Day shift: otters at the trust live by day and have to be trained to revert to their natural nocturnal cycle before release into the wild

Visitors to the trust are advised to arrive before noon, because that is when the otters are hand-fed with fish. Keeper Daniel Marshall says: "The mid-afternoon feed [at 3.30pm] isn't half as much fun because all the action happens at the back of the pens. This is when they have their main meal"

The pens are fronted by netting which allows youngsters to see the action — although Mr Marshall warns: "Although the otters may look tame, they aren't. If I was to wear a new pair of boots, they would be suspicious of my smell."

It is extraordinary that these creatures can be observed at such close quarters. Shy and secretive animals, they are nocturnal by nature. Before their release, the otters will be kept for up to a year in special pre-release enclosures, where they will slowly revert to their nocturnal habits and behaviour.

After feeding time, the otters are not so easily spotted. However, children can get a close look into two exhibition pens. The glass viewing panels are at child-height to allow a look inside a holt, and give the opportunity for contact.

The trust also has a collection of Asian short-clawed otters. These are not an endangered species, but thrive in captivity and can provide a lot of entertainment while bussying about their enclosure. Older children will enjoy the eight-page nature trail, which makes learning fun; there is an education room which, Mrs Wayre is keen to point out, is always open to the public. As well as the otters, there is a play area (not suitable for toddlers), a copse with muntjac deer enclosure, heronry, trout lake, many breeds of waterfowl, and a picnic area.

● *The Otter Trust, Earsham, Norfolk (0986 893470) is on the A143, 1 mile west of Bungay, Suffolk. Open daily until the end of October: £3.50, children £2, OAPs £3. The Wayres also run a 22-acre site in North Petherwin, Launceston, Cornwall (0566 85646). The Really Wild Guide to Britain is published by BBC Books at £5.99.*

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● *Kid's Britain* (Piccolo, £3.99). Well researched and easy to use, although tends to be biased towards London.

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● *The Family Welcome Guide 1993* (Fontana, £8.99). This book, now in its tenth edition, aims to cover all bases with the emphasis on pubs, restaurants and accommodation.

● *Stay on a farm* (Charles Letts & Co, £5.95). The Farm Bureau has selected all the farms in this book, which have also been inspected by the National Tourist Board. An excellent value-for-money guide, with a wealth of rural knowledge and local history.

● *How to Have Stress-Free Family Holidays* (Bloomsbury, £12.99). An authoritative manual for the more adventurous traveller. Large section devoted to worldwide travel.

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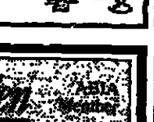

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How 56 Muslim casualties in siege town galvanised Western opinion against Bosnian Serbs

Reckoning time in valley of death

Tim Judah reconstructs the terror of the creeping barrage that killed or maimed everybody who could not run fast enough

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Road to freedom: crowds surrounding a UN convoy in Srebrenica, hoping for safe passage out of the Muslim town, and witnessed by one of the few foreign photographers there

HALF an hour after the shelling of Srebrenica began last Monday, the wounded were pouring into the hospital on carts, wheelbarrows, trolleys, anything that people could find. Dr Piet Willems began the selection. "Him, him, out; him, him, out, out." He was deciding who he would try to save and who would die.

The shelling began at 2.15pm. It was a perfect spring day in the small town which lies in a valley above the Drina river, which forms a natural frontier between Bosnia and Serbia. There were crowds of people on the main street snaking up through the centre to the town square, passing the little hospital and the post office, the school and the shattered building of Srebrenica Woman department store, which today is a guarded store of flour and other commodities that the UN has managed to talk past the Serbs.

The shelling was methodical. It started at one end of the main street and moved down the centre of the town, killing and maiming all those who could not run fast enough. The death toll was 56, including 15 children.

Dr Willems, a surgeon of the Belgian branch of the medical charity Médecins sans Frontières, was in the post office when it began. He was not posting a letter. The PTT, as it is known, had become the home and headquarters of the 11 Canadian soldiers and the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) who form the UN contingent. Their sleeping bags lay behind unused counters. The telephone booths, files, and probably stamps of a vanished land, Yugoslavia, were still there.

"Muhammad, our helper, ran in shouting," Dr Willems said. "'There are bodies all over the road. It's a massacre. We've got to get them to the hospital.'"

The old maternity clinic, a small three-storey building which passes now for the hospital, is across the road from the PTT. Just over 100 dying and wounded were brought in. Most of the dead were left where they lay until the shelling stopped, but some became entangled with the living, tossed on to the carts that carried them to the hospital. Those that died in the hospital were left on the floor. Outside a dead man lay on a cart. A dog slept underneath. Inside a child writhed in agony. The hospital wall was splattered with blood.

Two other doctors moved through the jammed corridors. There is no electricity in Srebrenica and only the makeshift operating theatre has lights powered by a generator. The doctors did what they could for the less seriously injured. "I was bandaging with a torch held in my mouth," Dr Norbert Scholzen says.

Monday had begun quietly. People were walking the streets, just as they did everyday. The town was crammed. Its prewar population was 6,500: today, there are 30,000 people there, mostly refugees from villages already conquered and torched by the Bosnian Serbs. Every habitable room in the town sleeps ten people, the classrooms of the town's school, now a refugee centre, each sleeps a hundred. In the rest of the shrinking Muslim-held enclave around the town there are believed to be another 20,000 locals and refugees.

The majority of those on the streets were men. The women were cooking, looking after their sick, their children, their elderly — and making parachute suits. "I noticed many people wearing shirts and trousers of this strange material," said Louis Gentile, of the UNHCR. "I thought they were rather stylish. Then someone told me they are made from the parachutes from the American airdrops." In the school playgrounds, just off the main street, children were playing football, the older ones on one side of a fence and the younger on the other. Mr Gentile says that the next day, when the UN evacuated the wounded, their flesh still hung on the fence.

Mr Gentile, 29, a Canadian who had been in the town for a week, was in his car when the shelling began, trying to establish contact with the UNHCR in Kiseljak on his radio. He went into the PTT. In the first minutes it was not clear that this shelling was different from any another. Shells have fallen on Srebrenica for a year. Local doctors said that they had never had more than 40 wounded in a day, and those were some of the worst days. On Monday, they had more than 100 in half an hour.

Mr Gentile went to the shelter in the basement of the PTT to find it full of the local police. "We sent the cleaning women who work in the PTT down there, too." He said the shelling was utterly calculated. It started at one end of town and in just over 20 minutes it had moved up the high street and then stopped. At about 4pm there was a renewed but less deadly barrage.

The pretty Serbian Orthodox church looks down benignly on the main square. Unlike a thousand mosques in Serb-held territory, it has not been dynamited. But unlike most houses in Muslim Srebrenica, it has not been damaged by Serb artillery.

As the shells crashed down, Srebrenica became a ghost town. When the noise died down, Mr Gentile went out with the Canadian "blue berets" in their armoured personnel carrier and drove up the hill through the centre of the town. "A shell exploded 50 metres to our right," Mr Gentile says. "It took the roof off a house. I'm sure there were people in it. Then we passed the playground. I saw seven bodies, two were children, one was decapitated." He sucks in his breathe. "It's a cliché, I know, but the road was red with blood. That's it. I didn't want to believe what I was seeing."

> **'Looking at the small body lying in the school playground, you think you should do something, you think you should pick it up and bury it, but you realise that would be desecration'**

A quarter of an hour later, the vehicle returned and passed the playground again. It stopped. "There was blood and guts everywhere. You think maybe you should do something," Mr Gentile said, referring to a small body that had lain before him. "You think, 'I should pick it up and bury it'. But the refugees were all inside the school. You realise they will come and bury it. It would be a desecration otherwise."

In the hospital Dr Willems began operating an hour after the shelling began. He was helped by an underqualified doctor who had done 1,200 such operations in the last year. Dr Willems, who had been in the town for 12 days, had never done war surgery and was terrified. The operating theatre was vulnerable to shelling, on the top floor, under the roof and with a window.

All the injuries were shrapnel wounds. Dr Willems managed seven operations on six men and two children before, at midnight, he ran out of sterilised instruments and his staff said they could do no more. The brain of one man was pouring from his eye. Dr Willems could not save him. "When he died, his brother said, 'We were a family of five sons. Four died today, him in the street and three on the front'."

Srebrenica has seen war before — but nothing like this. During the second world war the flag of Fascist Croatia flew on the bridge across the Drina and the Muslims wielded the whip. Serbs were killed and on the run, but nowhere in Bosnia was the war as brutal as today.

The name of the town derives from its only precious commodity: silver. In the Middle Ages the ancestors of the people of Srebrenica fought with the ancestors of their Serb besiegers. The kingdom of Bosnia was locked in war with the principality of Serbia. But the silver miners were Saxons, ancestors of the Germans. In 1460, the fighting subsided and Srebrenica fell into obscurity: a little hillside town with a mine deep in the Ottoman Empire, never to be heard of again in the outside world until today.

In 1991, Muslims were three-quarters of the local population and Serbs a quarter. But, as elsewhere in Bosnia, the Serbs owned a higher proportion of the land. They also needed — and need — the strategic Drina valley to weld all their territories into one.

Before Monday's carnage, Srebrenica was an island of fear. Now it is a land of terror. Everyone wants to leave. There is no more hope of resisting, only the hope of surviving. Last month General Philippe Morillon, the commander in chief of UN forces in Bosnia, told its people that he would not abandon them. The UN ordered him out but he decided to go back in. Serbs deployed crowds of women and children to block his way and prevented him from returning.

Srebrenica's people are unwilling martyrs. They thought they lived in modern Europe. Now they know that they do not, they just want to live. There is a precedent. There is Vukovar. When the Serbs entered that Croatian city, they made for the hospital, taking the wounded men out of the back as the International Committee of the Red Cross clamoured to get inside. Today, Russian troops guard what is believed to be their mass grave in the corner of a muddy field.

Before he left Srebrenica on Thursday, Dr Willems took a felt-pen marker and wrote numbers on the foreheads of the women and children who were to be evacuated. No hope for the men though. "They waved their hands at me, they said 'helicopter', 'evacuation' — the only words they knew in English," the doctor said.

In the Muslim cemeteries of the town, there are many freshly dug graves. "They know they will be able to fill them," Mr Gentile said. He recalled a man and woman standing in the churning dirt and dust as a UN helicopter prepared to winch their wounded little girl to safety. She died before she could be lifted inside. "The child was beautiful," he said. "The mother rocked. She was a beacon of sorrow."

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WHAT TO WEAR

Dressing down from the wig and gown

After a hard day's work thinking on their feet before the bench, how do lawyers unwind? Five London barristers disrobe and sum up the case for more relaxed, colourful weekend wear. Sue Fox hears the evidence

In a world where conduct unbecoming is anything other than a dark double-breasted or three-piece suit and sensible black brogues, Justin Gau, a barrister, welcomes any opportunity to leap into jeans and an old sweater. "Well, not exactly leap; stagger would be a more accurate description after a day in court," he says.

At home Mr Gau, who specialises in fraud cases, pads about in socks: "I enjoy not having to wear shoes." He spends his weekends in the country. "I try not to trudge around too much outdoors, but I do have a thorn-proof jacket, which is probably bullet-proof as well." He sails, but admits that, in general, sailors don't have any taste: "Sailing clothes are hideous." He has a pair of trousers in a terracotta colour which are comfortable but universally loathed by friends. "I wear them all year round with a T-shirt, or three jumpers and a raincoat, depending on the weather."

When it comes to socks, Mr Gau and Dingle Clark, who share a set of common law chambers with Helen Carter and Camille Habboo, agree to differ. "I wouldn't trust anyone who wears socks other than black ones," says Mr Clark, a commercial law barrister. Mr Gau cheerfully admits to wearing coloured socks.

With a penchant for coloured ties to brighten up his dull suits, Mr Gau loved the one he is wearing in the off-duty picture on this page. "I wonder how much the tie cost. I think it was by Bybios, which is a new name to me. My limit on ties is between £20 and £25. Anything more than that seems outrageous.

"I also like Dingle's jacket in the picture. He looks quite surprising. I've seen him off-duty only in tweedy jackets and comfy jumpers." Mr Clark thought the jacket was OK, but wasn't convinced about the colour. "Most of my casual jackets are blue or green. I don't think I'd buy anything bright red."

The loafer shoes and belt were his favourite items at the photo session. "They're exactly the kind of soft-soled shoes I like to wear at weekends. I have an old pair that used to be called 'brothel creepers'. These days it's probably pretty naff to wear a belt, but I wear one all the time. I suppose I ought to buy braces, or wear trousers that fit properly."

Mr Clark spends weekends at his house in Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, plays golf and tennis, but doesn't like tracksuits. "Shell suits are the worst. I've never met anyone who looked right in one," he says.

Mr Gau thinks Camille Carter and Helen Habboo look terrific in their off-duty gear. "We socialise a bit, but I'm so used to seeing them both in dark suits, I'd almost forgotten how lovely they can look." Mr Gau says his chambers is proud of Ms Carter, who has a formidable reputation as a runner. "This year she won the annual Law Challenge race around the City for women barristers. Off-duty, if Camille isn't in her running gear and sports things, she wears expensive, stylish clothes."

With the stores full of bright spring outfits in lime green, shopping can be unbearable for women barristers such as Ms Carter, whose work includes civil, personal injury, family matrimonial and criminal cases. "It's difficult to find a lightweight black suit or linen dress and jacket," she says. Court rules of dress insist that even a summer dress has to have a highish neckline and elbow-length sleeves.

For working clothes, Ms Carter shops at Marks & Spencer, Next and Jaeger, which have good selections of skirts and jackets to mix and match. She buys pure cotton or silk shirts. "I hate polyester," she says. "It's hot in court, especially under a gown, and part of a barrister's job is to think on your feet, which gets the adrenalin going. The last thing I want to worry about is sweating into a polyester shirt. Most of the male barristers I know send their collars to the laundry, but I quite like relaxing with an ironing board and spray starch at the weekends."

A "new man, of sorts", Mr Gau does all his own laundry and ironing. He is, he says, a boring, average size who hates shopping for clothes. "Every couple of months I buy something on impulse. I don't bother comparing prices and styles or 'Hand-wash/Dry-clean only' labels. If something looks interesting, comfortable and well made, I'll buy it."

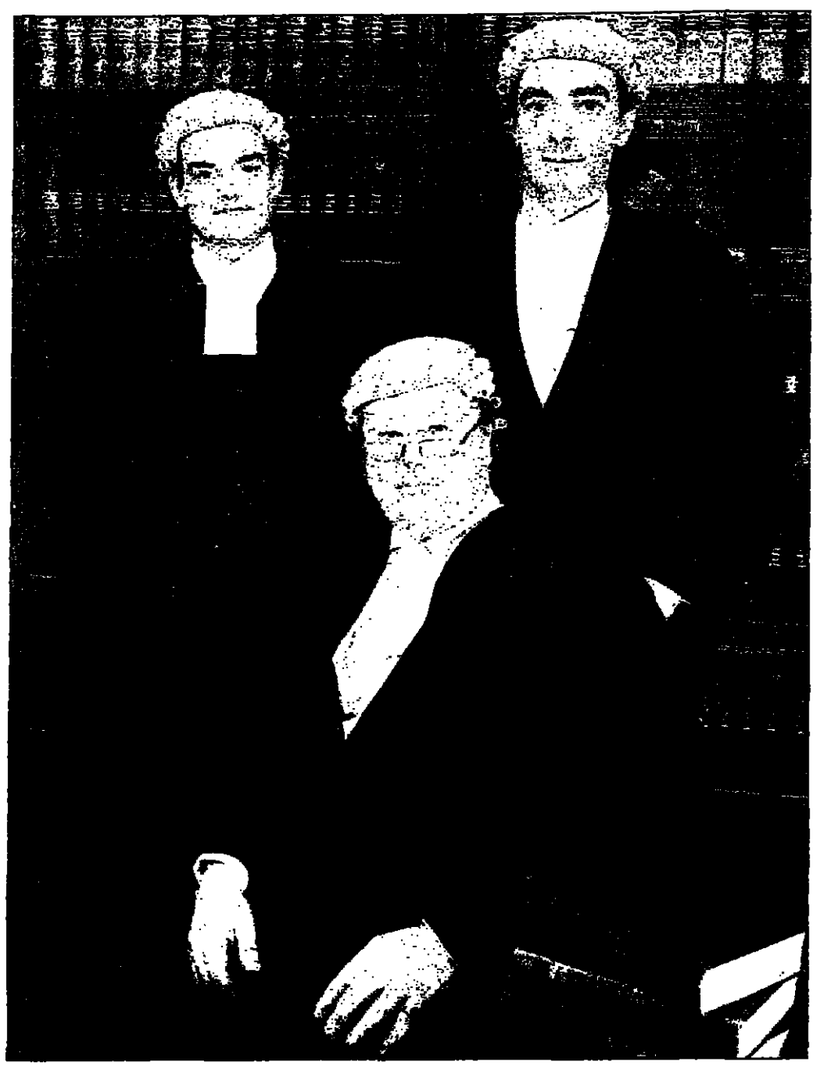
Having to dress smartly for work is, he says, a bit of a pain. "Basically I'm rather a slob, and I'd much rather wear jeans or Gap trousers with an old jumper." He has a much-loved, upmarket shirt from Swaine, Adeney, Briggs & Sons, of Piccadilly. "I used to work there and was entitled to the staff discount," he says.

Having to stick to the same basic clothes makes Ms Habboos's choice easier. "I can wear the same suit three days running, because the chances are I'll be in three different courts and never see the same people," she says. Although our photograph shows her wearing vibrant red lipstick to counteract the black and white, her working make-up is normally subdued.

The minute she gets home, she changes into jeans. "I have lots of pairs in different colours — mostly Levi 501s. I wear them with bright Chanel-style jackets — Monsoon is one of my favourite labels, and I've picked up some good hacking jackets from Oxfam shops. For weekends, I have a Dry-As-A-Bone coat, and I borrow my father's riding jacket or my boyfriend's hacking jacket. If I were going somewhere smart, I'd probably wear a bright pink Chanel-style suit with a short skirt and black polo neck. I'm lucky enough to have a good dressmaker, who makes suits for me. During the week I wear black court shoes — the extra height gives me more confidence — otherwise I live in cowboy boots, or Bally shoes in subdued colours."

Mr Gau is sympathetic to women barristers and high heels, but says: "They wear them to look impressive in court but then complain that their shoes are killing them."

Ms Habboo wouldn't normally choose brown — "I usually go for bright pink" — but she loved the cut and fabric



ABOVE

From left, Justin Gau wears his own suit, available from Barrow Yarrow, 137 Upper Street, London N1; white shirt from A.J. Neale The Shirt Shop, 156 Fenchurch Street, London EC3; band from Ede & Ravenscroft, 93-94 Chancery Lane, London WC2. Peter St John Howe wears "some old tried and trusted friends" from the depths of his own wardrobe. Dingle Clark (right) wears his own herringbone suit, available from Mold and Russell, 61 High Street, Sidcup, Kent (081-302 5588); white shirt and band from Ede & Ravenscroft (as above).

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SPORTING LIFE

Addicted to the long run

John Goodbody finds out what drives the 35,720 disparate individuals who have entered tomorrow's gruelling London Marathon

Pounding the beat: alongside the sporting élite and the recreational joggers, nine Essex police officers entered the 1991 marathon to raise money for medical charities

The obsession with running marathons is widespread and profound: it strikes the most unlikely people. When the NutraSweet London Marathon begins at Greenwich tomorrow, the 35,720 entrants will include such international names as Liz McColgan, who could earn £300,000 if she breaks the world record and finishes under 2 hours 20 minutes, as well as recreational joggers, some of whom might want to pay the organisers that amount of money just for the privilege of competing.

The success of the London race has been that the élite, the eccentric and the ordinary can run, or stumble, alongside one another in a camaraderie of endeavour. Andrew Paul, who plays PC Dave Quinnan in the TV series *The Bill*, describes completing the 26 miles 385 yards as "the ultimate physical challenge for the amateur athlete".

He should know. Two years ago, he ran his first London Marathon. "I burst into tears with relief as I crossed the line after such a horrendous ordeal, and I looked round for someone else to share the moment. But nobody else was crying. They were too exhausted."

He swore to himself that 1991 was his last marathon. "However, after a few months, I began to get restless. I then started thinking that I might be one of those people who had become addicted to running. I have several friends like that."

He started jogging again, and tomorrow he will be one of the thousands who have to overcome handicaps, injuries and other difficulties to try to fulfil their ambition. Mr Paul suffers from hip and leg problems and also asthma, an affliction that sometimes forces him to stop when he becomes tight in the chest.

He works five days a week and often at weekends and sometimes has to be on the television set at 7am. Moreover, his youngest child has recently been disturbing the family's rest. However, he and his wife Laura, who took part in the British Telecom Swimathon last month, have managed to organise their training in the hope of completing a 1993 family double.

Until Chris Brasher's energy and enterprise initiated the London event in 1981, it was believed that running a marathon was only for the physically gifted. The public has always been fascinated by the mystique of the marathon. There is its classical origin, with Pheidippides bringing the news of the victory of the Athenians over the Persians in 490BC; and the central role of the race in the modern Olympics, with its historic heroes like Emil Zatopek and Dorando Pietri, who collapsed and had to be helped over the line in the 1908 Olympics in London.

Mr Brasher used this mystique to encourage ordinary people to compete alongside, or at least behind, international athletes, and also to fulfil their physical potential in completing the course. Mr Paul says: "Of the hundreds of millions of people who have watched the race on television, almost everyone must have thought, 'I'd fancy doing that one day'." So far 221,789 people have finished the race.

Mr Brasher has always quoted the words of Robert Browning: "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" Heaven for Mr Paul would be to

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LEFT

From left. Dingle Clark wears denim shirt, £65, from Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, London W1; trousers by Ciao, £65, available from House of Fraser and Dickens and Jones; red gabardine jacket, £172, Rodier, 106 Brompton Road, London SW3. Peter St John Howe wears all his own clothes: olive green jumbo cords, cream cotton shirt, beige waistcoat, painted silk bow tie and chocolate brown suede brogues. Justin Gau wears pink shirt, £65, Ralph Lauren (as above); Byblos tie, £45, Browns, South Molton Street, W1; Pepe jeans, £35.99, available from nationwide stores (081-459 1277 for stockists); Docksiders, £75.99, Russell and Bromley, 24-25 New Bond Street and branches. Camille Habboo wears blue denim Byblos shirt, £60, Browns (as above); red Pepe jeans £39 (as above); Docksiders, £69, Russell and Bromley (as above). Helen Carter wears taupe body, £35, Mulberry Gees, Court Street, St Christopher's Place, London W1; taupe trousers, £75, Mulberry (as above); checked jacket, £335, Quintessence, 48 High Street, Reigate, Surrey; shoes, £150, Ralph Lauren (as above).

BELOW

Helen Carter (left) wears her own black suit, available from Marks & Spencer branches nationwide; white shirt and band from Ede & Ravenscroft (as above); black shoes from Bally, available from stores nationwide. Camille Habboo wears her own suit from Jigsaw, 65 Kensington High Street, London W8 and branches; black shoes from Bally.

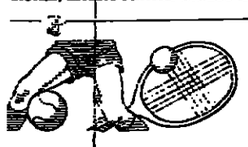
of the jodhur-style trousers and jacket she wore for the photograph. "They're both by Mulberry and seem expensive, but I'd be tempted."

The legal robe-makers Ede and Ravenscroft — known affectionately by much of the court fraternity as "Greed and Ravingsno" — has made a three-piece trouser suit for women barristers. "I wouldn't wear it," Ms Carter says. "Trousers don't look professional, and the ruffled blouse is awful. Women barristers have to wear bands on a little bib, which would look silly with ruffles."

Peter St John Howe, who specialises in commercial law, thinks women barristers have had a civilising effect on the profession. "They've beaten the men hands down with their splendid variations on the black and white theme. Some of them are quite ingenious at creating a spectacularly different look — hussar frogging on black velvet, silk facings on the pockets, interesting cuffs. It's amazing what can be done."

At weekends, Mr St John Howe puts away his eight dark, bespoke double-breasted suits, with snazzy bow ties from Turnbull and Asser, and relaxes in sloppy-joe trousers or cords and a sports jacket. His sailing clothes are an old Guernsey sweater and reefer jacket. "I'm not a fashion-conscious casual dresser," he says. Sadly, I can no longer get into my cavalry twills, and I'm too much of a pear shape to wear jeans. I'm not interested in modern clothes. I like wearing the ones I've had for years.

"If I go out for a drink at the weekend I usually wear grey flannel baggy trousers and a sports jacket or blazer. For travelling to chambers, I wear an overcoat and, depending on the weather, a hat from Bates. But at home I go around in a second world war dispatch rider's leather jerkin."



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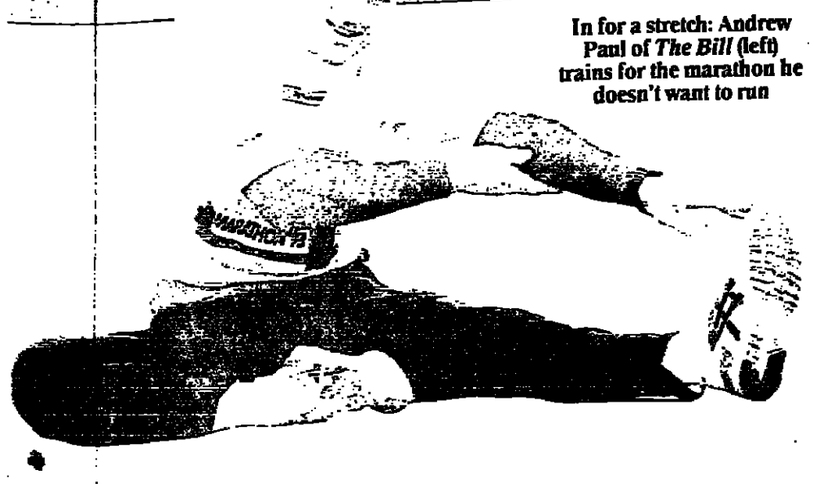
In for a stretch: Andrew Paul of *The Bill* (left) trains for the marathon he doesn't want to run



finish the race in less than four hours, and then hobble across London to watch Arsenal win the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley.

When runners are not actually exercising, most are discussing their injuries, ways to improve, and how they could set a personal best if only fate were not set against them. Training schedules are analysed and passed around for admiration, as children do with a new computer toy.

Mr Paul says: "There are so many conflicting ideas on marathon training. One is that you have to run at least 50 miles a week. I tried this last time, when I did four hours 11 minutes, and became obsessed with the 50 miles, sometimes running as late as 1am or as early as 4am. It did not benefit me." Now he listens to his own body and fits his training round his work, taking three runs a week, two eight-to-ten milers and one longer session.

Although a steady pace is usually advised for distance events, he plans to run the first 18 miles slightly faster than his average pace and then hopes to be far enough towards the finish to be inspired to achieve his target. Like everyone else, he will take regular sips of water from the 750,000 bottles at the drink stations, because long-distance runners always fear dehydration as they focus on the finish. He says: "This marathon will really be my last one. Perhaps I have a deep-rooted lack of confidence which makes me want to punish myself."

Perhaps, like so many of tomorrow's runners, he will still be coming back for more punishment in 1994, and in the years to come. Marathon running is a true addiction.

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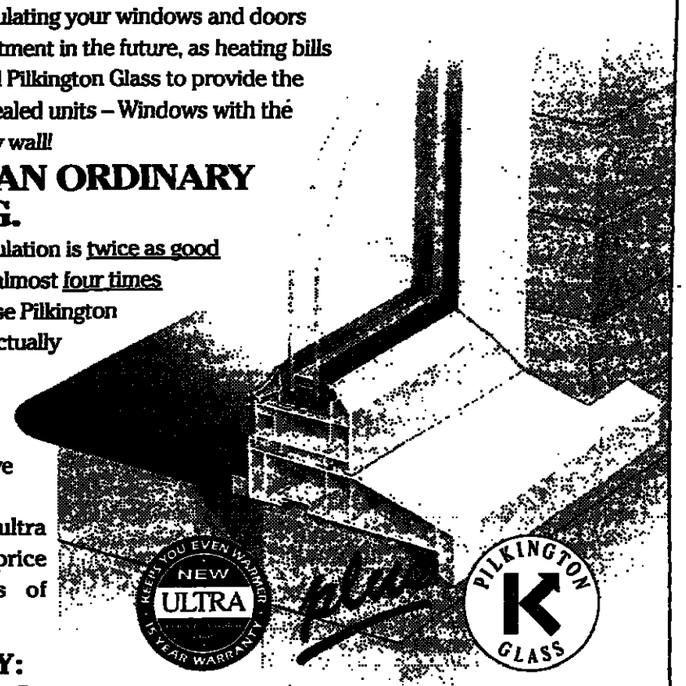

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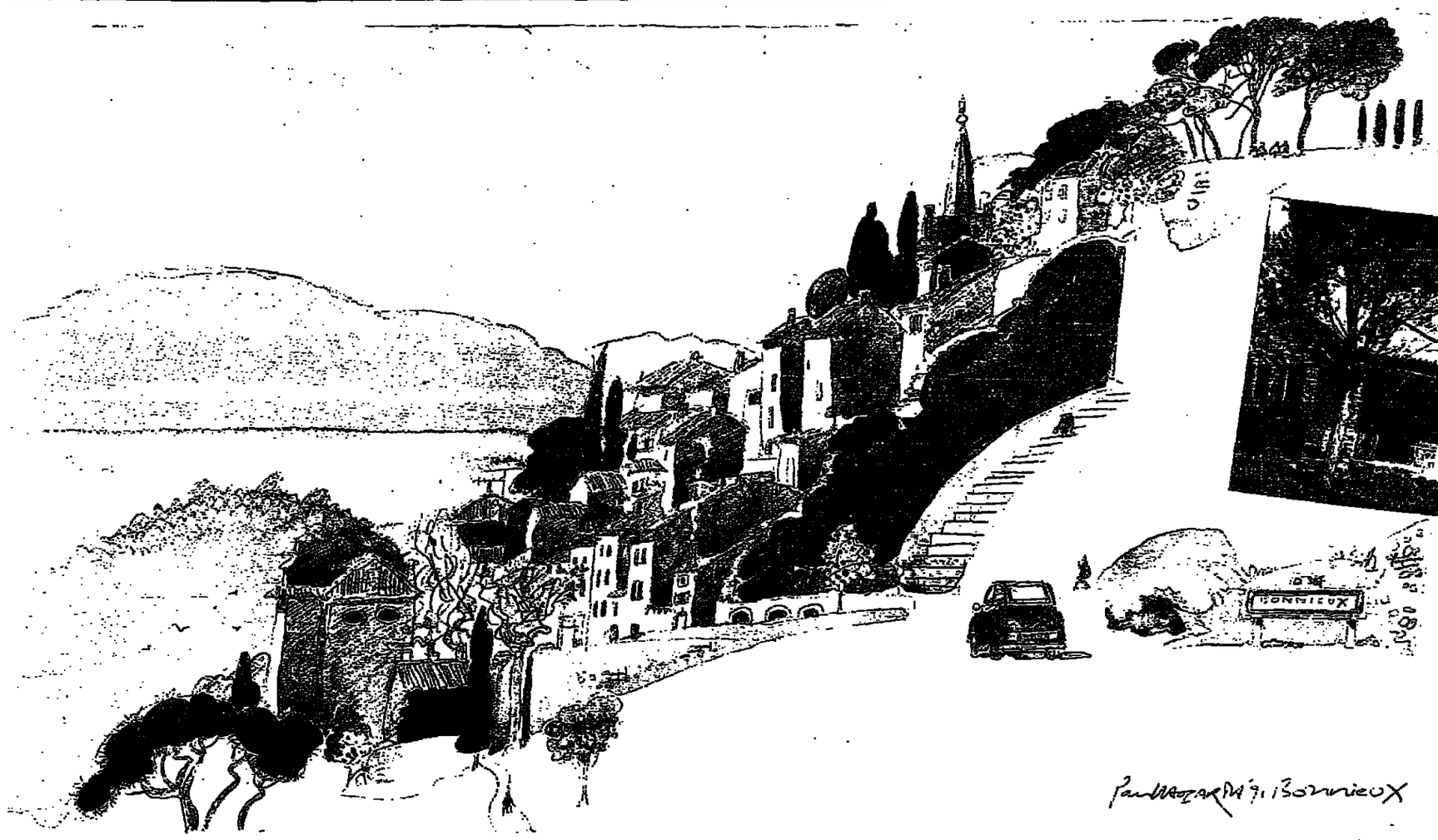


This stone-built, Provençale style house near Ménerbes i for sale at *FFr1.8 million* (about £225,000). It has thre bedrooms, two bathrooms, fitted kitchen, split-level living-room with exposed beams and an open stone fireplace, central heating, swimming pool and more than an acre of garden.

Treading the hilltop Mayle trail

Buyer's France

THE LUBERON

Property in much of the hinterland of the warm, fashionable south of France is expensive. Trying to find a farmhouse to restore in the centre of the Lubéron (Peter Mayle country), midway between the Alps and the Mediterranean, for under £100,000 is like looking for a needle in a haystack *(Cheryl Taylor writes)*.

An unconverted *mas* — the typical L-shaped Provençal farmhouse, with shallow, tiled roof, built around a courtyard — is likely to set you back at least £150,000. A fully *renovated version, with modern*ised kitchen and bath, will cost from £250,000.

The area east of Avignon — the fortified medieval city of the popes, with its famous bridge over the river Rhône — and south towards Aix-en-Provence is characterised by gentle valleys, small vineyards, orchards and lavender fields, and by its tranquil old villages, dominated by the towering Mont Ventoux and the ridge of the Lubéron.

You can still find some lovely old houses in this part of Provence, with thick, honey-stone walls beneath mis-shapen roof tiles, and beautiful, far-reaching views. But such properties are eagerly sought after by second-home buyers of various nationalities, including the *French, and it is becoming harder* to find affordable ones.

Parisians looking for holiday homes made the area fashionable 25 years ago. Now the Germans, Dutch and Swiss are turning their backs on the Côte d'Azur and heading for the Lubéron in search of rural tranquillity. British buyers are fewer as a result of last autumn's 20 per cent devaluation of sterling against the franc. Property prices have fallen since the late 1980s, but are holding, unlike those in many other parts of France.

It is not difficult to understand the appeal of this hilly corner of Provence. A region of woods and rocky countryside, it is full of charm, dotted with ancient hilltop villages and curious drystone huts, called *bories*, dating from the Middle Ages.

Gordes, with its stepped streets, orchard passageways, arcades of tall ochre-coloured houses and rampart ruins, overlooking the Coulon valley, is one of the prettiest and most expensive towns in old Provence. Others include Ménerbes, where Peter Mayle's house is located, and Bonnieux, where the television adaptation of his book, *A Year in Provence*, was filmed.

A small, modern villa in traditional Provençal style, with beamed *ceiling and open stone fireplaces, or* an old village house with a tiny courtyard or rooftop terrace, costs at least £80,000. They usually lack any type of garden, but often have breathtaking views from upper terraces.

Prices slip on the northeast side of the Lubéron hills, around the old town of Apt, and in the area to the north of Avignon. Some of the better buys are found in the hilltop villages surrounding Apt — gems undiscovered (except by a discerning few) such as St Martin de Castillon, where the views are magnificent, and Saignon, not far from the tiny hamlet where John Thaw, who plays the part of Mayle in the television series, and his wife, Sheila Hancock, own a house.

Here you can still find an old village house to convert for as little as £30,000. A habitable house with *two bedrooms, kitchen and bath*room and a small garden can be yours for about £40,000. A fully restored village house, with two or three bedrooms, vaulted cellars and a roof terrace, might fetch about £50,000 to £60,000.

Prices are generally higher in the countryside, where properties are larger, and often have a good chunk of land. A dilapidated stone barn and outbuildings, with about five acres of pasture and woodlands, but without mains water or electricity, might fetch £100,000 — and you can expect to spend at least another £100,000 on renovatin.

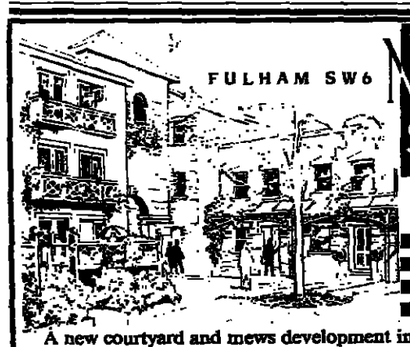
Typical of the more expensive houses is the one pictured above, near Ménerbes and an hour's drive from Marseilles airport. Stone-built, it has a sun-bleached pantiled roof and mains water, and is in good condition. The price of £225,000 includes agency fees. The UK agent is Provence Propety, The Old Alehouse, Stedham, Midhurst, West Sussex (0730 816044). Other UK agents with associates in the Lubéron include *Latitudes, 14 Pipers Green Lane*, Edgware, Middlesex (081-958 5485); and A Place in Provence, 58 Clifton Park Road, Bristol B8 3HN (0272 239598).

The climate in this part of the south of France, hot and sunny in summer, can be cold and bleak in winter, and at all times when the *mistral blows* — as it did so fiercely in the Mayles' first winter there. But the beauty of the landscape, the vitality of its towns and cities, its closeness to the Mediterranean *coast, and not least its Provençale* cuisine, flavoured with garlic and herbs, is hard to beat.

To get there by car, take the A1 from Calais to Paris then the A7 to Avignon; the journey takes about ten hours. The TGV from Paris reaches Avignon in four hours (soon to be cut to two and a half hours); there is also an overnight train from London. Alternatively, you can fly to Marseilles.

● *The watercolour above by Paul Hogarth is taken from the illustrated edition of* A Year in Provence *by Peter Mayle (Hamish Hamilton, £20).*

LONDON PROPERTY



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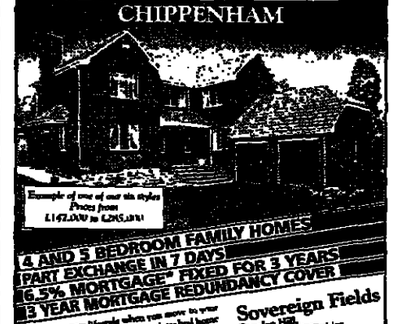

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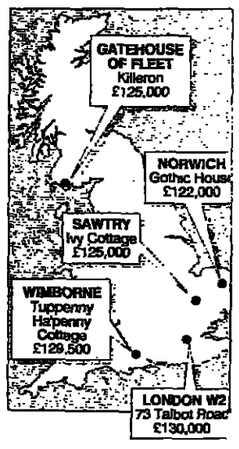
Thatch, stone and history fill **Cheryl Taylor's** shopping list this week

FOR SALE around £125,000

Scotland: Killeron, Gatehouse of Fleet, Kirkcudbrightshire (above). Traditional stone-built farmhouse in half an acre of walled gardens, with far-reaching views over open countryside. Five *bedrooms, bathroom*, shower-room, three reception rooms and fitted kitchen. Two stone barns. About £125,000 (Knight, Frank and Rutley, 031-225 7105).

Norfolk: Gothic House, Norwich (left). Grade II listed Gothic revival town house in a small private courtyard *in the historic city* centre of Norwich. Three bedrooms, bathroom, two WCs, entrance hall, sitting-room, dining-room, kitchen/breakfast-room and cellars. Courtyard garden, balcony and conservatory. About £122,000 (Savills, 0603 612211).



Dorset: Tuppenny Ha'penny cottage, *Hinton Martell, Wimborne. Renovated* 17th-century thatched cottage, retaining many original features, in half an acre of gardens, backing on to open farmland. Two bedrooms, bathroom, sitting-room, fitted kitchen/breakfast-room. Two detached garages. About £129,500 (*Savills, 0202 887331*).

Cambridgeshire: Ivy Cottage, 25 *Chapel End, Sawtry, Huntingdon.* Grade II listed 17th-century thatched cottage (recently refurbished) with well-stocked gardens and a natural pond. Three bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting-room, kitchen/breakfast-room and cloakroom. Garage/workshop. About £125,000 (*Carter Jonas, 0733 68100*).

London: 73 Talbot Road London W2 (above). Penthouse flat in re-built period house with south-facing roof terrace, close to Queensway and Notting Hill Gate. Two bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall reception-room, luxury fitted kitchen. About £130,000 for 125-year lease (John D. Wood, 071-727 0705).

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THEATRE

LONDON

AS YOU LIKE IT: Kate Buffery and Peter de Jersey find love under the greenwood tree in David Thacker's spirited revival.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews tonight, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm; opens Wed, 7pm

THE BESHT TELLERS: Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132) *Telling Tales*: preview Mon, 8pm, opens Tues, 7pm *The Story of the Last of the Just*: previews Wed, Thurs, 8pm; opens April 27, 7pm

CITY OF ANGELS: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical with a private eye theme
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

DON'T FOOL WITH LOVE/THE BLIND MEN: Cheek by Jowl arrive in London with their touring version of Alfred de Musset's tempestuous love-triangle, preceded by a neat curtain-raiser by Ghelderode
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Previews Tues, Wed, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

A JOVIAL CREW: Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews tonight, Mon-Wed, 7.15pm; opens Thurs, 7pm

LION IN THE STREETS Julie Legrand, Sonia Ritter, Kerry Shale are among the cast of an imaginative play by Judith Thompson where the ghost of a murdered girl searches for her killer in Toronto.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Previews tonight, 8pm, opens Mon, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sats (from April 24), 4pm.

ON THE LEDGE: Alan Bleasdale's arresting vision of inner city collapse, with characters all just about to jump.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm, opens April 27, 7pm

THE TREATMENT: Jacqueline Defferary plays the distressed wife in Martin Crimp's new play in which a couple try to film her story
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews tonight, Mon, 8pm; opens Tues, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sats (from next Sat), 4pm.

REGIONAL

MOLD: Alexandra Mathie and Robert Duncan brave the fire in the attic in Fay Weldon's adaptation of *Jane Eyre*
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm; opens April 27, 7.30pm; then Tues-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (May 1), 3pm.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: Chris Martin's adaptation of Victor Hugo's Gothic tragedy of a hunchback, 'a peal of bells and the lovely Esmeralda. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame.*
New Victoria Theatre, Etruria Road (0782 717962). Opens Wed, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, Sat, 7.30pm, Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

SCARBOROUGH: This year's main production is Ayckbourn's revival of his marvellously clever trilogy *The Norman Conquests.* The plays can be seen in any order. *Table Manners* previews from Wednesday (7.30pm), *Living Together* from April 28 (7.30pm), and *Round and Round the Garden* from May 12 (7.30pm). All three open in late May and play in repertoire until September.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723 370541). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, mats (from May 22) Sat, 3pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Jason Connery bullies Louise Gold and wins her heart in Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew.* Set in a 1930s museum.
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm, opens April 27, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat (May 15), 2.30pm.

FILM

ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. With Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

BODY OF EVIDENCE (18): Predatory murder suspect Madonna hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival *Basic Instinct.* Director, Uli Edel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Régis Wargnier directs.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

LEAP OF FAITH (PG): Hard-going drama with Steve Martin as an evangelical conman. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ONE FALSE MOVE (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio Lopez strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15) Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

Petty criminal: Dustin Hoffman stars in Stephen Frears's Accidental Hero (see Film)

MUSIC

OPERA

NORMA: Scottish Opera launches its summer season with its first ever production of Bellini's *Norma.* Ian Judge directs; the company's music director John Maucen conducts. In an impressive cast, Jane Eaglen brings her powerful soprano to the title role, while Katherine Ciesinski sings Adalgisa. The opening night is a gala in aid of Crusaid, Scotland.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-332 9000), Wed, 7.15pm.

JENUFA: Yuri Lyubimov returns to revive his production of Janáček's grim tale. David Atherton conducts a strong cast that includes Nancy Gustafson in the title role.
Royal Opera House, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Tues, Thurs, 7.30pm.

TRISTAN UND ISOLDE: A chance for London audiences to see Welsh National Opera's acclaimed new Wagner staging, directed and designed by Yannis Kokkos. Anne Evans and Jeffrey Lawton are the lovers, Della Jones sings Brangaene. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts.
Royal Opera House (as above), Mon, Fri, 5pm.

ROCK

JIMMY CLIFF: With reggae back in vogue (three singles in the top ten this week), Cliff's timing is impeccable. A welcome opportunity to hear this Jamaican star.
Brixton Academy, London, SW9 (071-326 1022), Thurs, 7pm.

NEW MODEL ARMY: The politically-aware rockers showcase their passionate album, *The Love of Hopeless Causes.* They have also just released their rousing version of "Gimme Shelter" with Tom Jones, in aid of the homeless.
Birmingham, Hummingbird (021-236 4236), Wed, 7pm. **Newcastle,** Mayfair (091-232 3109), Thurs, 7.30pm. **Glasgow,** Barrowlands (031-557 6969), Fri, 7.30pm.

ELAINE PAIGE: The singer embarks on a national tour to promote her new album, *Romance And The Stage.*
Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 482626), Fri, 7pm.

JAZZ

BHEKI MSELEKU: The South African composer, pianist and saxophonist, who came to prominence last year with his stunning debut album, *Celebration,* keeps the impetus going with an uplifting new solo work, *Meditations.*
St Georges (0272 230 359), today, 8pm. **London,** Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.45pm.

MACEO PARKER AND ROOTS REVISITED. The Silk Cut City Jazz programme kicks off with the saxophonist who provided the brass for many of James Brown's hits
Edinburgh, Queen's Hall (031-668 2019), Thurs, 8pm. **London,** Grand (071-738 9000), Fri, 7pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

CARICATURES FROM THE GIBSON BEQUEST: Frank Aubrey Gibson, who worked for *The Times* between 1918 and 1941, was a great collector of printed caricatures from between 1780 and 1850. Some 60 of them are exhibited here.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-6pm, Tues-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 10am-5.50pm, opens Wed to September 12.

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR: The president of the Royal Academy, Roger de Grey, is 75 this year. To celebrate, there is a show of his series of paintings, *Interior/Exterior,* inspired by his studio and the orchard outside.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10-11am, 4-6pm, opens Tues to June 6.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating brings together O'Keeffe (1887-1986), leading figure of the American avant-garde, and Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until June 27.

GEORGES BRAQUE — PRINTS: Braque concentrated on print-making only after 1945 when he produced some of his most familar images.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until June 27.

REGIONAL

RECENT BRITISH SCULPTURE: This South Bank touring show celebrates the achievements of the sculptors who came to international fame in the 1980s.
Derby Museum & Art Gallery, Strand, Derby (0332 255586). Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Mon, 11am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until May 9.

PANORAMIC VIEWS OF ST PETERSBURG: Included are prints ranging from 1716 to 1835, which give a blow-by-blow account of the city's expansion.
Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 278000) Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, until May 9.

DANCE

DON QUIXOTE: The critics have not taken kindly to the Royal Ballet's latest production, but the public has been lapping it up. And no wonder, since it provides plenty of opportunity for display dancing, set against the elegant and spare designs of Mari Thompson
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: The company's annual season at its home base presents new works by six LCDT dancers. Music includes three original commissions from British composers David Benke, Marc Cyril and Damian Le Gassick, and Adam Stones
The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0161), tonight, 8pm

BOOKINGS

LEONARDO: Leonardo da Vinci is the subject of a new musical based on a combination of fact and interpretation of events in the painter's life. The production reveals the tragic story behind the "Portrait of Love". Musical arrangements by John Cameron
Strand Theatre, London, WC2 (071-240 0300) Previews from May 21, opens June 3.

GEORGIE FAME. Fame's recent rhythm 'n' blues albums *Cool Cat Blues* and *The Blues and Me,* recorded on Ben Sidran's Go Jazz label, featured the cream of New York's R'n'B players. These American session players will accompany Fame on his Silk Cut City Jazz tour in July.
Birmingham, Town Hall (021-236 2392), 5. **Manchester,** The Ritz (061-236 7110), 6. **London,** The Grand (071-738 9000), 7. **Edinburgh,** Queen's Hall (031-668 2019), 8.

NEW VIDEOS

THE CRYING GAME (PolyGram, 18): Director Neil Jordan raced back into favour with last year's most talked-about British film: a complex tale of love, loyalties and sexual secrets. With Stephen Rea as the IRA gunman. 1992

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Film: Geoff Brown;
Theatre: Jeremy Kingston;
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Dance: Debra Craine;
Exhibitions: John Russell Taylor;
New Videos: Geoff Brown;
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WORD-WATCHING

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KISSAR

(b) The East African bowl lyre, adapted from the colloquial Arabic *kīsār*: "Kissar (Greek *kithara*), the bowl lyre of East Africa, a survival of the ancient Greek lyra, is still found in Ethiopia, Sudan, and Uganda. The body is shallow, of wood, covered with a sheepskin membrane laced to the back of the body."

PUKU

(a) The stomach, the belly, from the Maori; W. B., *Where White Man Treads*, 1905: "The Maori is pre-eminently gifted in the selection of suitable nomenclature. He meets a man. He looks him over. If he be massive in girth, what so delicate as reference thereto as puku (stomach)?"

COCCINELLA

(b) A beetle of the genus so named or its family Coccinellidae, a lady-bird, modern Latin from Linnaeus's *Systema Naturae*, 1758, from the Latin *coccineus* scarlet: "It is fortunate that in most countries the children have taken these friendly coccinellae under their protection."

TAMEIN

(c) A draped garment resembling a sari, usually worn by women, from the Burmese, also anglicised as *tamehn, te-mine* and *tamain*: "She wore her blue tamein girdled above her breasts, leaving her beautiful pale shoulders bare."

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The art of dining on the day trip

The Times invites readers to experience one of the most exclusive restaurants in Paris. Joël Robuchon's Restaurant Jamin, where one usually has to book weeks in advance, has been specially reserved for a lunch for readers of *The Times* on May 27.

Not only that, readers will also receive the book of M Robuchon's culinary secrets, *Cuisine Actuelle*, written by Patricia Wells, and a ticket for the Henri Matisse exhibition at the Pompidou Centre, the leading arts event of the year.

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Three-star feast in Paris

Robin Young reports on a visit to Jamin, Joël Robuchon's restaurant

Priority ticket: see the Bathers with a Turtle painted by Matisse in 1908 at the Pompidou Centre

Joël Robuchon is reckoned, by most of the few who are in any position to know about such things, to be the best chef in the world. He is the three-star chefs' three-star chef, the one to whom all pay tribute, the one whom the Gault-Millau guide has declared to be "Chef of the Century", and the one whom the Michelin guide promoted to three-stars within a record-breaking 28 months of opening his own restaurant.

At present it is necessary to book weeks or months ahead if you want to get a table at Robuchon's place, which is Jamin, in the Rue de Longchamp, in a quiet and well-heeled residential *quartier* of Paris's 16th *arrondissement*.

The waiting lists are only likely to get longer, not shorter, now that M Robuchon's culinary secrets have been made the subject of a book, compiled over four painstaking years by the American food writer, Patricia Wells.

The book, published here this month by Macmillan at £25 under the title *Cuisine Actuelle*, has already been moving from the shelves like hot baguettes in America where it is called *Simply French*, and has sold more than 50,000 copies in France under the title *Le Meilleur et Plus Simple de Robuchon*.

It has the unique selling point of offering the world's greatest chef's recipes written for home cooks by a home cook, so it may translate into something more like restaurant cooking in some homes than has ever been seen before. More likely still, though, it will have people from more homes fighting to get into the restaurant.

Though M Robuchon is shortly due to quit his comparatively modest quarters at Jamin for much more grandiose accommodation in a listed building now being refurbished next to the luxury Parc Victor Hugo hotel on Avenue Raymond Poincaré, the 1,000 square metres of space he gains there will not be used to accommodate extra customers.

At present Jamin serves a maximum of just 48 in the restaurant, and another 14 in a private salon upstairs. The new restaurant, too, will serve precisely 62, using a force of 40 staff to do it. The extra room will be used to enlarge the kitchens, the space between tables, everything indeed but the number of people for whom M Robuchon is prepared to cook.

Worse still, from the point of view of those anxious to sample M Robuchon's legendary preparations without attempting to knock them up in their own kitchens from Mrs Wells's fastidious transcriptions, the word is out in Paris that the obsessively dedicated M Robuchon intends to hang up his chef's *toque* and apron for good on his fiftieth birthday.

That falls all too soon, on April 7, 1995 to be precise. If the rumour is right, there are not many sittings left.

Does it matter? Can any one chef be that special? Suffice it to say that I accompanied a small party of British food and restaurant critics to lunch at Jamin, and it is not inappropriate to say that they were all gobsmacked.

Robuchon's sea urchin and fennel soup, Elizabeth Jane Howard hailed as "the most exciting soup I have ever had". A *marinière de coquillages* which followed was, Derek Cooper roundly declared in the authoritative tones of Radio 4's *Food Programme*, "absolutely superb". Roast guinea fowl: "just wonderful". The potatoes and piquantly salted *foie gras* served alongside: "perfection". Salad: "sublime". Purée of La Ratte du Touquet potatoes (Robuchon's famous mashed potatoes which are twice sieved and half butter): "incredible".

The Michelin guide defines two-star cooking as "worth a detour", and three-star as "worth a journey". There was no disagreement among our privileged party that Robuchon's cooking was well worth the day-trip to Paris.

Whether we could reproduce it from the pages of a book everyone doubted, but Mrs Wells was enthusiastically encouraging.

Mrs Wells is no pushover. She is the restaurant critic of the *International Herald Tribune*. Previously she was restaurant critic of *L'Express* and food writer for *The New York Times*. Her *Food Lover's Guides* to Paris and France were best selling classics in their genre.

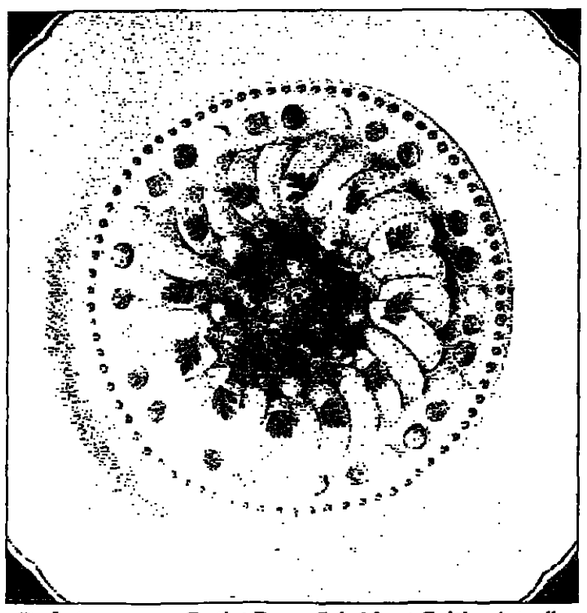
"I now divide my life as a cook", she writes in her foreword, "into distinct periods: Before Robuchon and After Robuchon. For this chef — modest and self-effacing, reflective, intuitive and driven — has changed for ever the way I approach even the most basic tasks in my kitchen."

What has he taught her? "That the greatness of a cook can be measured by the ability to work magic with the simplest of ingredients: ... that although perfection may be unattainable, that's no excuse for not seeking it ... and a philosphy that will serve a lifetime."

Here, then, are some practical tips culled from Patricia Wells's gospel of guru Robuchon's teachings:

● common table salt masks flavours, sea salt draws out and intensifies them:
● taste every step along the way, to ensure well-measured flavouring;
● season roast poultry and meat immediately before cooking and again immediately afterwards;
● roast poultry with the breast end towards the back of the oven, which is generally hotter;
● a touch of lemon juice enhances the true flavour of freshly sautéed mushrooms;
● parsley leaves snipped with scissors will have more flavour than the same herb chopped with a knife;
● use sugar cubes when preparing jams and marmalades because they are the most refined and pure sugar of all.

And here is a last one which the master gave me himself. It is the Robuchon way of improving *pommes frites*, or even British chips. Salt them twice, once lightly with very finely ground Maldon sea salt which will be absorbed into the chips' surface, and a second time with a few unground sea salt flakes for small explosions of tangy saltiness as you eat. I do this regularly now in my own kitchen. I am a convert, you see.



Perfect symmetry: Festive Prawn Salad from *Cuisine Actuelle*

● *Cuisine Actuelle: Patricia Wells presents the cuisine of Joël Robuchon.* Macmillan, £25.

CINEMA: **David Robinson** salutes the centenary next week of the comic genius Harold Lloyd

A man whose time had come: Harold Lloyd clings to the clockface of a skyscraper in *Safety Last*, a film he made with a screenplay by Hal Roach and Sam Taylor in 1923

Clocking up his century of laughs

There is a photograph from a silent film of 70 years ago that everyone still knows — a nightmare vision imprinted in the folk memory. The photograph shows a young man in a straw hat and horn-rim glasses hanging perilously from the hands of a clock, hundreds of feet above a busy street. His face is frozen in terror. The Californian sun shines down. The sky-signs on the buildings unfeelingly advertise Clothes on Credit and Smart Hats for Smart Ladies.

The young man is Harold Lloyd, who was born 100 years ago on Tuesday. The film was *Safety Last*, which created a new genre, the comedy of thrills, in which it has never been surpassed. A revival at the Dominion Theatre four years ago showed that today's audiences still succumb to the peculiar, escalating hysteria the clock sequence has always provoked, a ticklish combination of terror and wild hilarity.

Lloyd was one of the great triumvirate of silent screen clowns, though his films consistently made far more money at the box office than those of either Charlie Chaplin or Buster Keaton. Unlike them and most of their contemporaries in screen comedy, he did not come from vaudeville.

He started life as a small-town boy in Nebraska, where his father's undeviating failure at every business he attempted somewhat undercut his mother's social aspirations. She was, however, stagestruck, and passed on the passion to her son. As a teenager Harold started to work as an actor in stock companies. When his parents finally split up he accompanied his father to California, and supplemented his earnings as a stage actor by working as a film extra.

At Universal Studios he became friends with another young extra, Hal Roach, who was only a year older but had already enjoyed a varied career as gold prospector, mule skinner, saloon gambler and haulage man. Roach now had ambitions to be a film producer, and a $3,000 legacy enabled him to set up his own company, with Lloyd as its star. Lloyd remembered that Roach's instructions to him were "Think up some funny get-up and let's get busy".

Obediently Lloyd created a character called Willie Work, who was a shameless imitation of Chaplin's tramp. The films were bad and Roach and Lloyd separated after a disagreement about money.

They were later reunited, to invent a new and slightly better character for Lloyd called Lonesome Luke. The few Lonesome Luke films that survive now seem crude and unfunny, but audiences liked them and Roach and Lloyd made around 60 one-reelers — together with a small fortune — between 1915 and 1917.

Then Lloyd discovered the horn-rim glasses and a new character. He claimed that he was inspired by a dramatic film about a fighting parson who was a mild, bespectacled man until some wrong to be righted or cause to be championed turned him into a fighting fury.

Between 1917 and 1921 the character was developed and refined through more than 80 one- and two-reel films. Lloyd's career almost came to an abrupt end in 1919 when a comedy bomb went off in his hand, removing his right thumb and forefinger and permanently affecting his sight. He later adopted a prosthetic glove for filming, and in 1921 embarked on his first feature.

His films generally followed the same formula. Harold begins as an effete, cowardly, shy or otherwise psychologically handicapped young man; but — usually from the need to impress a girl — conquers his handicap and triumphs. In *Grandma's Boy* he overcomes chronic timidity to worst the town bullies; in *The Freshman* the college weed rises to the occasion and carries the football team to victory; and in the incomparable *The Kid Brother* the runt of a tough family foils the villains.

Lloyd often chose spectacular inanimate co-stars, like the locomotive that crushes his car in *For Heaven's Sake*, or the horse-drawn streetcar of the climactic chase in *Speedy*. He never found a better co-star than the skyscraper in *Safety Last*, which involves Harold changing places with a "human fly" for an exhibition skyscraper ascent.

As he climbs the hazards multiply. He attracts the keen interest of a flock of pigeons, gets entangled in a net, is assaulted by a painter's trestle and is knocked off a ledge by a swing window. Then comes the clock. Harold grabs the minute hand which threateningly descends to "half past". At which point the clock itself comes adrift. This is nightmare indeed.

What most distinguishes Lloyd from the other great film comedians — Chaplin, Keaton, W.C. Fields, the Marx Brothers — is that their screen characters were extraordinary; Lloyd personified the ordinary. The pale young man with horn-rims, toothy smile, straw hat, clothes neat but cheap and irrepressible go-getting optimism, was the boy next door, the man in the next office, every obliging store clerk.

Harold was an archetypal character for America of the Twenties, with its confidence in a society of endless opportunity and seemingly unstoppable economic expansion. That dream was shattered by the Depression; and it is significant that Lloyd's run of success ended at the same time, even though his best sound films, *Feet First* and *Movie Crazy*, are no less good than his silents.

He bowed out at the age of 45, although there was one unhappy comeback in Preston Sturges's *The Sin of Harold Diddlebock* (1947).

He seemed to be without regret. He was rich, and publicly he appeared as outgoing and energetic as the character in his films. Privately he was beset by the anxieties of a severely alcoholic wife and an alcoholic and self-destructive homosexual son.

From time to time he re-released his old films, and always welcomed critics and historians who showed any interest in the old times. Harold Lloyd died on March 8, 1971, to be outlived more than 20 years by his feisty elder and one-time boss, Hal Roach, who survived until last year, having witnessed his own centenary.

RECORD REVIEWS

Changing gear to chamber music

CLASSICAL

The Quatuor Mosaïques, young quartet though they are, are becoming established throughout Europe and on disc as one of the most searching and excitingly musical of any playing today.

They have just drawn together their complete Op 20 Haydn Quartets in a double-CD set (Astrée Auvidis E 8784), and I wouldn't be without them. With the fusion of artful period-instrumental style and sensuous delight which is their hallmark, they take us through the mind of Haydn in these six works: sorting out the new balance of movements in his young, evolving creatures, swashbuckling through their minuets, singing through their slow movements as sublimely as many a Mozart aria.

Sudden new colours surface and vibrate from deep inside the string texture. Rapid changes of rhythmic shape and size ring through the bright A major of the Sixth Quartet. A tiny gypsy minuet replies to the sustained variations at the heart of the Fourth. This is Haydn striking out on his own, away from the symphonies and operas he was writing for his supper at Eisenstadt and Esterháza.

Another distinctive voice among young quartets is that of the seven-year-old Hungarian Keller Quartet. They have made it their business, in this Tchaikovsky centenary year, to record all three of his quartets, and here are the first two (Erato 2292-45965-2). The refinement and hypersensitivity to tone quality of their leader, András Keller, at once makes its mark in the murmured start of the First Quartet, as it slowly comes into rhythmic and harmonic focus.

No less characteristic are the fiery animal spirits they bring to the pounding downbeats of the third movement's dance, and the almost manically exultant finale. The Second Quartet is stamped with a rare authority within the rhetoric and instability which dominate it.

Finally a strong recommendation for a new recording of

Haydn: his mind is vividly revealed

Schubert's violin and piano sonatas. These posthumously published works are better known as sonatinas; but **Gidon Kremer and Oleg Maisenberg** (DG 437 092-2) reject the diminutive and reinstate their stature with characteristic insight and passion. The A minor Sonata is handled as if any moment of relaxation or joy is almost too fragile to hold; the shock of the distant modulations within the G major is palpably felt.

HILARY FINCH

Sax and violins to suit every taste

JAZZ

His pork-pie hat glued to his head at all hours, liquid refreshment always close at hand, **Ben Webster** was everybody's idea of the hard-living, footloose saxophone player. His wayward lifestyle led to ever more spectacular mood swings during his later years in exile in Europe. Concert promoters could never be sure that he would show up for an engagement, and if he did, there was no guarantee that he would have the energy to complete a set.

On a good day, all was forgiven. Though he may have been nicknamed "The Brute", the vigour and aggression of his up-tempo tenor playing were counterbalanced by a lush, shamelessly sentimental approach to ballads.

Both aspects are amply displayed on *See You At The Fair* (Impulse! GRP 11212), a handsome re-issue from 1964. Swaggering into "In A Mellotone" and "Someone To Watch Over Me" Webster is unmistakably in command, so much so that his musicians — with Hank Jones and Roger Kellaway sharing the piano duties — are apt to fade away into the background. Kellaway's occasional sorties on the harpsichord are a slight distraction.

Webster's tenor horn sails on regardless, and two bonus tracks — Oliver Nelson's moody arrangements for a nine-piece band — provide extra contrast. Webster can also be found in a lively variety of settings from the 1950s on the mid-price "Compact Jazz" compilation *The Verve Years* (Verve 513633). The sessions with Oscar Peterson are the pick of the bunch, and the only weak spot elsewhere is the appearance of a lumbering string section.

Twenty years after his death, something of his romantic spirit lives on in **Scott Hamilton**, an instinctively melodic improviser who is in the middle of another British tour. *Scott Hamilton With Strings* (Concord CCD 4538) is an unusually sensitive example of the jazzman-meets-orchestra genre. Alan Broadbent's lustrous arrangements are more than a little bit reminiscent

Ben Webster: a musician of considerable sensitivity

of the work of Nelson Riddle.

That well-known part-time saxophonist Bill Clinton is said to be one of the millions of record buyers who have been seduced by the warblings of **Kenny G**, the Barry Manilow of the soprano saxophone. With its slick production values and mild jazz flavour, *Breathless* (Arista 07822 18646) offers more of the same. Like Webster and Hamilton, Kenny G has an ear for a pretty tune, but any comparison stops there. If there are any readers whose bedrooms are fitted with mirrors on the ceiling, scarlet silk sheets and lava lamps, this could be the record for them.

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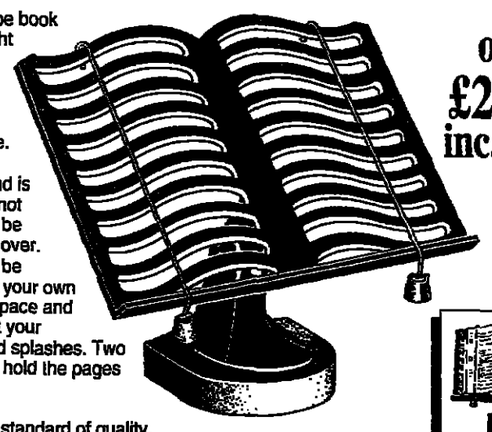

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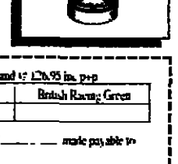

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THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** is impressed by a company from Israel

Worth a second look

Real Time
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

Eva declares: "Leaving and coming back: one doesn't do that." But *Real Time* pivots around people returning. Memories transport them into the past: the dead haunt the living; and couples endlessly separate and reunite as Jewish exiles return to their ancestral homeland, congregating in Eva's bar in Tel Aviv. The production — a visually and emotionally arresting piece of physical theatre by Nava Zukerman's Israeli Company Tmu-Na — itself warrants a second visit: for its artistic brilliance certainly, but also for its sheer elusiveness. "Come again," I kept saying to myself.

It is not an easy 80 minutes, culturally or stylistically. Set on the eve of Yom Kippur in 1973 when Egypt attacked Israel, *Real Time* specifically contemplates and is richly informed by Jewishness. I could only wish I was myself better informed. Whole strata of significance were surely hidden from me in the final scene as the cast raised their hands to their lips and to their ears in some ceremonial sign language; as the silent character Little Girl (the physically poignant Tamar Dillenberger) offered us a bouquet of red carnations; as religious song and Hebrew words filled the auditorium; and as newsreel of the Yom Kippur War flickered on a television screen.

Tmu-Na's triumph is that, against all the odds, such difficulties do not detract from such an engrossing and exhilarating theatrical experience. With grief but without mawkishness, the piece captures the Jewish sense of rootlessness, isolation and alienation that persists even in the close community of Israel. More universally, the action — inspired by Malcolm Lowry's *Under the Volcano* — potently investigates sexual passion. The four exiles in the bar — Eli, Milan her husband, Yudit and Ernest — are entangled in an adulterous knot of hetero and homosexual love. Enacted physically rather than verbally, their relationships effortlessly transcend into the archetypal. The choreography simultaneously sidesteps the obvious and suggests multiple readings. Eli and Milan, quirkily sitting on a toilet, make love — or are they fighting? Or again, a simple ballroom routine superbly condenses Yudit's whole affair with Ernest as she spins away and is pulled back towards him, perhaps by the force of her own feelings, perhaps by his possessive energy.

Artistically Tmu-Na undeniably challenged comprehension. *Real Time*, however, has the vital raw edge of "poor theatre", quietly underlayed by exquisitely crafted direction: erotic, touching, funny and haunting.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Tamar Dillenberger and Eran Lavon of Tmu-Na

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Honey, I shrunk the quid

"Aye, I remember the Lam'nt lad," says Harry Drever, former manager of the Bank of Scotland in Lerwick. "He was pageboy at my wedding. We used to take him out for drives in the country and he'd sit in the back asking questions about everything. He's an arrogant little bugger, you know. I don't think he's fit for the job he's doing at all . . ."

Russell Miller on the much-maligned chancellor, in the new-look Magazine — with The Sunday Times tomorrow

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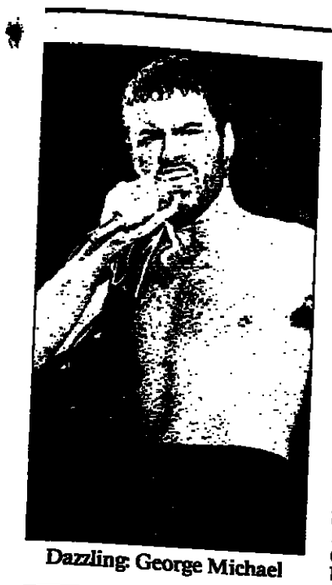

Dazzling: George Michael

Sophie Chamier assesses candidates for a modern dragon-slayer

A latterday saint, by George

Next Friday is St George's day. Whom among his namesakes could we put on a pedestal today? We offer a halo-rated selection below.

George Michael, pop singer, halo rating *oooo*
For his dazzling rendition of Queen's *Somebody To Love* at the Freddie Mercury memorial concert last Easter, and for standing his ground against the Goliath of the recording industry, Sony Music.

George Cole, actor, halo rating *ooo*
For tenacity — he has a total of eight series of *Minder* under his belt, but those jaunty building society commercials are less popular among negative equity owners.

George Harrison, ex-Beatle, halo rating *oo*
Before last year's election he played a fund-raising concert at the Albert Hall in aid of the Natural Law Party. His enduring good looks would suit the part of a knight in shining armour, but his spiritual concerns might not . . .

Georgia O'Keeffe, artist, halo rating *ooo*
Forget the fact that she was American and died in 1986 — the current retrospective of her work at London's Hayward Gallery is bringing crowds to their knees.

Sir George Young, MP, halo rating *oo*
The housing minister deserves sainthood if he fulfils a recent pledge of decent homes for all.

George Carman, QC, halo rating *ooooo*
A formidable libel expert — no comment.

George Soros, speculator, halo rating *ooooo*
A Robin Hood for the 1990s — last year he made £633 million in speculatory profits on Black Wednesday, and promptly allocated £31.6 million for relief in Bosnia.

Three of the best: from left, actor George Cole, libel expert Sir George Carman and artist Georgia O'Keeffe

THEATRES

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"NICHOLAS JONES is superb" Claire Armistead, The Guardian
"WOJTEK PSZONIAK - brilliant" John Peter, Sunday Times
THE DEEP BLUE SEA
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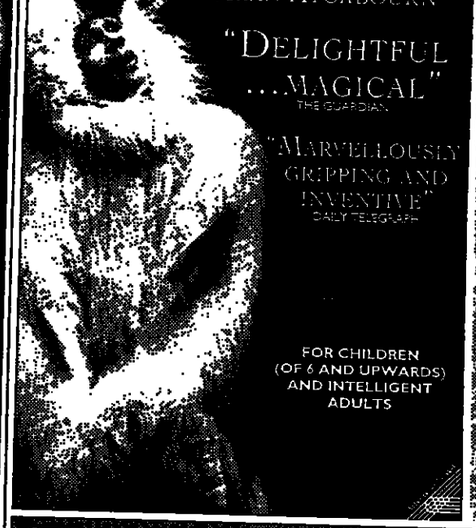

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Thu 22 Apr 7.30 — PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Mikhail Pletnev (conductor) Michael Collins (basset clarinet) Weber Overture, Oberon; Mozart Clarinet Conc; Tchaikovsky Symphony No.6 (Pathétique) £28, £22, £17, £10, £5, £4 *Philharmonia Ltd
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Sun 18 Apr 7.45 — MIAS (JAPAN) GALA CONCERT In aid of RNID. Orchestra of St John's Smith Square, J Lubbock. Sadao Bekku in Memory of Chieko for voice/pno (1st perf); Conc for pno & orch; David Bedford The Valley Sleeper (1st perf). £15,£12.50,£10,£8,£6 MIAS (Japan)
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Wed 21 Apr 7.45 — LONDON MOZART PLAYERS J Swensen, M Fried. Barber Adagio for strings; Bernstein Serenade for violin, strings, harp & percussion, hres The Unanswered Question; Copland Appalachian Spring (original ballet, complete) £15, £12, £10, £8 *HMS
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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (6855901)
7.25 News and weather (4269524)
7.30 Children's BBC beginning with **Penny Crayon**. *Animation (r) (4242291)* **7.40 Wiz Bang**. *Last in the series features the tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff* (s) (4239727) **7.55 Lil' Bits**. Animated adventures of pixies in a magical forest (r) (5623475) **8.15 Eggs 'n' Baker**. For the last in her music and food series Cheryl Baker is joined by Rod Hull with Emu (s) (4014272) **8.40 Tom and Jerry: Greatest Hits**. Three cartoons (8618543)
9.00 Going Live! presented for the last time by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield, who show highlights of the six series (s) (99025611) **12.12 Weather** (1864036)
12.15 Grandstand presented by Steve Rider. The line-up is *(subject to alteration)*: **12.20** Football Focus: Bob Wilson and Alan Hansen review the Easter programme; **12.50** London Marathon: a preview of tomorrow's race; **1.00** News; **1.05, 3.35** and **4.25** Snooker: the Embassy world championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield; **1.55, 2.25, 2.55** and **3.25** Racing from Newbury; **2.05, 2.35, 3.05** and **3.55** *Gymnastics: the world championships* from the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham; **4.40** Final Score (95415765). Northern Ireland: 4.55 Northern Ireland Results
5.15 News with Jennie Bond. Weather (5159475)
5.25 Regional News and sport (2416036). Wales (to 6.15): Wales on Saturday
5.30 Cartoon (830017)
5.40 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Sir Jimmy Savile makes dreams come true are an 18-year-old from Tyne and Wear to lead the London Community Gospel Choir and an Orpington girl to be a waitress at London's Rock Island Diner. (Ceefax) (s) (951291)
6.15 You Rang, M'Lord? The upstairs/downstairs comedy series by Jimmy Perry and David Croft starring Paul Shane, Su Pollard and Jeffrey Holland. (Teletext) (s) (316104)
7.05 Film: Wings of the Apache (1990) starring Nicolas Cage, Tommy Lee Jones and Sean Young. A noisy entertainment in the *Top Gun* mould about elite American helicopter pilots doing battle with drugs barons in South America. *Directed by David Green*. (Ceefax) (s) (2340982)
8.25 Birds of a Feather. Sharon begins a beautiful friendship with an older man after she helps him see off a mugger. Starring Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph (r). (Ceefax) (491765)
8.55 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (255185)
9.15 Westbeach. Episode two of the drama serial about rival business families in a Sussex seaside town. Starring David Horovitch and Oliver Cotton. (Ceefax) (s) (213185)

Mr Saturday Night: Crystal, Wogan (10.05pm)

10.05 Wogan Meets ... Billy Crystal. The American actor, comedian and writer bares his soul to Terry Wogan. (Ceefax) (s) (134630)
10.40 Match of the Day. Highlights from two of today's top Premier league matches (s) (761833)
11.40 Film: The City of the Dead (1960, b/w) starring Christopher Lee, Valentine Dyall and Betta St John. A compelling tale of devilry and witchcraft set in a small Massachusetts town. Directed by John Moxey (797253) **12.55am Weather** (3742321)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Managing the managers (4321765) **7.05** Maths: Iteration and Convergence (6852814) **7.30** Computing: the Quality Assistant *(7155982)* **7.55** *Working Mothers (5612369)* **8.20** Biology: a Tale of Two Cells (4019727) **8.40** Introduction to Music: Handel's *Messiah* (2877388) **9.10** Ecology: Plant Succession (7143982) **9.35** Science: Light in Search of a Model (1980974) **10.00** Technology: Free Body Diagrams (7086678) **10.25** Health in Urban Britain: a Tale of Four Cities (7825253) **10.50** Classical Sculpture and the Enlightenment (2856833) **11.15** An Introduction to IT — Teletel (4199366) **11.40** Developing World: Packaging Culture (8167659) **12.05** Learning to Learn: Israel and Brazil (8478098) **12.30** Wirral Metropolitan College: Managing Change (5824494) **12.55** Women and Architecture: Public Space, Public Work (4863272) **1.20** Living with Technology: Energy (9286814) **2.10** Understanding Modern Societies: the West and the Rest (28887307) **2.35** The Portuguese Voyages of Discovery (4788456)
3.00 Film: Pat and Mike (1952, b/w). The seventh vehicle for Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn is a slight comedy lifted by the pair's polished playing. She plays a sportswoman who enters a golf tournament. He is a shady sports promoter who sees an opportunity to make money out of her and persuades her to turn professional. Directed by George Cukor (31036)
4.30 World Snooker. David Vine introduces live action from the Embassy world professional championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield (s) (31408982). Wales 6.10-6.50 Jim'll Fix It
6.50 News with Jennie Bond. Sport and weather (835630)
7.05 Late Again. Highlights from the week's editions of the arts and media magazine *The Late Show* (s) (548727)
7.35 World Snooker. *A return to the Crucible Theatre*, Sheffield, the venue of the Embassy world professional championship (s) (204340)
8.25 Have I Got News For You. A repeat of yesterday's first in a new series of the current affairs comedy quiz chaired by Angus Deayton. The regular team captains, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton, are joined by Peter Cook and Jonathan Ross (s) (499307)

Holly's inspiration: the real Peggy Sue (8.55pm)

8.55 Arena: Tales of Rock 'n' Roll — Peggy Sue. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (559388)
9.25 The Second Heimat: a New Generation (colour and b/w) (s) See Choice (21989253)
11.20 World Snooker. The final visit of the day to the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Highlights of the first two matches of the Embassy world professional championship (57359562). Ends at **1.30am**

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Off to Munich: student Henry Arnold (BBC2, 9.25pm)

The Second Heimat: a New Generation
BBC2, 9.25pm

Edgar Reitz offers another epic treatment of recent German history as reflected in the lives of ordinary citizens. His latest project is not so much a sequel to the original *Heimat* as a spin-off. It is 1960 and stifled by the parochialism of his village young Hermann (Henry Arnold) is determined to forge a new life. His progress as a music student in Munich is charted in 13 two-hour episodes, which must make *The Second Heimat* one of the longest films ever made. It gives every sign of matching the brilliance of the first *Heimat*, thanks to Reitz's ability to relate private lives to public events and his flair for sustaining narrative coherence over a huge canvas. But his switches from colour to black-and-white continue to puzzle.

Arena: Tales of Rock 'n' Roll
BBC2, 8.55pm

The first of four films about famous rock songs reveals that the inspiration for Buddy Holly's "Peggy Sue" is alive and middle-aged and running a sewer-cleaning company in Sacramento, California. Among her neighbours is Donna Fox, the original for Ritchie Valens's hit "Donna". The songs seem trite but the nostalgia is powerful, especially as Holly and Valens both died young. The cameras visit Lubbock, the Texan town where Peggy Sue went to school with Holly and his drummer, Jerry Allison. Holly told her she had pretty lips but she married the drummer. There is more in similarly anecdotal vein, with Holly's simple charm recalled in black-and-white film.

Adventures: A King Among Pork-Knockers
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Pork-knockers were poor Guyanese who hoped to get rich by prospecting for gold and diamonds. Preston King, a professor from the southern United States, picks up their trail. Starting from Georgetown he ventures into the Guyanese hinterland by whatever *transport he can find, boat, plane or truck*, but the pork-knockers prove elusive. Wizened old men recall the great days of the diamond boom, when Guyana had its own versions of Dodge City and the pork-knockers were the cowboys. There is little sign of them now. Perhaps modern mining technology has made them redundant. We are left with a film which is much more about travelling than arriving.

Hidden Agenda
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Due to have been shown on March 21, Ken Loach's political thriller was pulled from the schedule because of the IRA bombing of Warrington. The decision proved controversial. Written by Jim Allen, who worked with Loach on the left-wing drama sequence *Days of Hope*, it is explicitly pro-republican and anti-British. A taut, television-style narrative features Brian Cox as an English police inspector who is sent to Ulster to investigate the murder of a civil rights activist (Brad Dourif) and runs into a cover-up. Allen claimed that everything in *Hidden Agenda* was based on real events. This did not stop the film being vilified by the political right. But there was a jury prize at the 1990 Cannes festival.
Peter Waymark

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6.00 GMTV (7716833)
9.25 What's Up Doc? presented by Yvette Fielding, Pat Sharp and Andy Crane. Includes a look at the English tradition of tea drinking, guest Graham McCormick with the ten fox cubs he is rearing and a report on speed wheelchairs (s) (17790920)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features Dire Straits with their 1985 hit "Walk of Life" (r) (s) (66017)
12.30 Speakeasy. Television version of a problem page *for teenagers, presented by* Emma Forbes and Dr Mark Salter. The guest is Patrick Robinson from the cast of *Casualty* (s) (97833)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (13874949) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (13866920)
1.10 Champions League Special. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview the final round of matches and profile one of the favourites to win the title — AC Milan. There is also a look forward to tomorrow's Coca-Cola Cup final between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday at Wembley (17469630)
1.40 Rugby World Cup Sevens. Live coverage from Murrayfield introduced by Jim Rosenthal with Gavin Hastings and Will Carling (72161678)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Sports results and weather (6789659)
5.00 London Tonight (Teletext), sport and weather (5156388) **5.10 Cartoon Time** (5145272)
5.20 Film: Diamonds Are Forever (1971) starring Sean Connery, Jill St John and Charles Gray. So-so James Bond adventure, *heavy on technology but* light on flair. Our hero is sent to do battle with the evil Blofeld who is planning to send a diamond-powered laser into orbit. Directed by Guy Hamilton (64021630)
7.30 You've Been Framed! Home video disasters presented by Jeremy Beadle (r) (s) (456)

Cat burglar: Ellison apprehends Field (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Cat and Mouse. The police series makes its Saturday debut with the story of a lucky break which lands a slippery cat burglar in the Sun Hill net. Starring Christopher Ellison and Patrick Field (3384)
8.30 London's Burning. A repeat from the second series of the fire brigade drama. (Teletext) (42272)
9.30 Film: Blind Witness (1989) starring Victoria Principal. Hackneyed thriller about a blind woman who lays a trap to catch her husband's killers. Directed by Richard Colla (294982)
11.10 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (131833)
11.30 The Big Fight. The WBO featherweight bout between Britain's John Davison and Ruben Palacio of Colombia, introduced by Gary Newbon from Washington, Tyne and Wear. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt (777814)
12.15am Rugby World Cup Sevens. Highlights from Murrayfield of the second day of the competition (912925)
1.15 The Big E. Magazine series for young Europeans (s) (3136383)
2.20 Basketball. Action from the American NBA league (6468881)
3.25 The New Music. Includes interviews with Madonna, Prince and Paula Abdul and a report on the music scene in Havana (9767437)
4.25 BPM. The world of dance music (s) (7146352)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (51383). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Animation (r) (s) (1279456) **6.25 Dennis** Cartoon adventures of a naughty boy (r) (9768017) **6.35 Alfred J. Kwak.** Adventures of a musical duck (4391524) **7.00 Mr Men** with Mr Chatterbox (4273727) **7.05 Kid 'n' Play**. Animation (r) (4964833) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice**. Cartoon adventures of an American college football team at the court of King Arthur (7189949) **8.00 Saved by the Bell**. Teenage drama serial (43524)
8.30 World Tennis (75123)
9.00 News *(3551630)*
9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line (3357949)
10.00 Trans World Sport (97494)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne previews tomorrow's big games in Italy (77630)
12.00 Sign On. Magazine series for the hearing impaired. Includes a report on the increase of sexual harassment and violence among the deaf community (46611)
12.30 Raag Rung. Indian classical music performed by Shivkumar Sharma (r) (95475)
1.00 Film: Lady Godiva Rides Again (1951, b/w) starring Pauline Stroud, John McCallum, Dennis Price and Stanley Holloway. Dim comedy about a waitress who wins a beauty contest and is chosen to portray Lady Godiva in the town pageant. Directed by Frank Launder (93851833)
2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Ayr. Live coverage of the 2.55, 3.25, 4.05 (Stakis Scottish National) and 4.40 races, introduced by Derek Thompson (71680678)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (9329123)
6.30 Right to Reply presented by Sheena McDonald. Howard Jacobson defends his Channel 4 programme *Sorry Judas* to viewers Robert Weisman and Hugh Berger; and Glenwyn Benson, editor of the *Panorama* programme *Underclass in Purdah*, is taken to task by viewer Rubina Malik (Teletext) (s) (814)
7.00 Corner of the Eye. A documentary portrait of Belfast poet Michael Longley (4036)

Guyana treasure hunt: Preston King (8.00pm)

8.00 Adventures: A King Among Pork-Knockers. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (7776)
9.00 The Beiderbecke Affair. Episode three of Alan Plater's six-part comedy drama starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r). *(Teletext) (3920)*
10.00 Film: Hidden Agenda (1990) (s) See Choice (3659)
12.00 Talking Pictures. Ken Loach discusses his films and gives his view on censorship (7118429)
12.35am Evening Shade. Small-town America comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (4692963)
1.05 The Harp in the South. The first of a six-part adaptation of Ruth Park's novel about the lives of an Irish-Australian family in the years following the second world war (r) (5919857). Ends at **2.00**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (23494) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (34833) **7.00** Fun Factory (5963712) **12.00** WWF Superstars (23272) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (32920) **2.00** *The Addams Family (4562)* **2.30** *The Facts of Life* (7524) **3.00** Cartoons (45920) **4.00** Knights and Warriors (1104) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (31727) **5.00** WWF Mania (4949) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (29456) **7.00** Class of '96 (66901) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (82949) **9.00** Cops I (20611) **9.30** Cops II (24901) **10.00** WWF Mania (65272) **11.00** Entertainment This Week (30123) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (21036) **6.30** News and Business Report (645123) **9.30** Nightline (31291) **10.00** Dayline (83727) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (12843) **11.00** Dayline (48017) **11.30** Getaway (54861) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (71195) **1.30** The Reporters (72814) **2.30** Nightline (35758) **3.30** Those Were The Days (22307) **4.30** Getaway (8630) **5.00** Live at Five (83843) **6.30** Fashion TV (14017) **7.30** The Reporters (6659) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (51720) **10.30** The Reporters (25562) **11.30** Fashion TV (95833) **12.30am** Getaway (20147) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (73012) **2.30** Fashion TV (98470) **3.30** Target (52455) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (33352) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (15505)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (69494)
8.00 The Angel Levine (1970): Harry Belafonte watches over Zero Mostel (31974)
10.00 The Time Guardian (1987): Time-travellers warn of a cyborg attack (15253)
12.00 Triumph of the Heart (1991): A footballer befriends a disabled boy (90017)
2.00pm The Last Remake of Beau Geste (1977): Marty Feldman spoof (56524)
4.00 Life Stinks (1991): Mel Brooks spends a month on the streets (9253)
6.00 Mr Destiny (1990): Michael Caine allows James Belushi to relive his life (76388)
8.00 Backdraft (1991): Kurt Russell and William Baldwin as fire-fighters (74272123)
10.15 A Nightmare on Elm Street 5 — The Dream Child (1989): Robert Englund stars as Freddy Krueger (751185)
11.45 Intrigue (1990): Seductive late-night drama (150384)
1.25am Fatal Sky (1990): Michael Nouri investigates a plane crash (560789)
3.00 Teen Vamp (1989): Lycanthropic comedy starring Beau Bishop (34050)
4.30 The Sher Mountain Killings Mystery (1990): Australian supernatural tale (30895). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Anzio (1968): Second world war drama starring Robert Mitchum (53433104)
6.15 Absence of Malice (1980): Reporter Sally Field slanders Paul Newman (322982)
8.15 The Last Married Couple in America (1980): George Segal and Natalie Wood question their relationship (14146291)
10.00 The Gauntlet (1977): Clint Eastwood escorts witness Sondra Locke to trial (28956). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Trapeze (1956): Circus drama starring Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis and Gina Lollobrigida (67036)
8.00 A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967): Barrie Ingham stars as the prince of thieves (31956)
10.00 Bullshot (1983): Comedy adventures of radio star Bulldog Drummond (46123)
12.00 The Slender Thread (1965): Sidney Poitier counsels Anne Bancroft (98659)
2.00pm Flight to Tangier (1953): Joan Fontaine searches for a lost fortune (87494)
4.00 In Defence of a Married Man (1990): Judith Light defends husband Michael Ontkean, who is accused of murder (4443)
6.00 Driving Me Crazy (1991): Ethan Randall is driven home by his mother's boyfriend, Ed O'Neill (67630)
8.00 The Hard Way (1991): Michael J. Fox trains for an acting part by joining police officer James Wood on the beat (79475)
10.00 The Monk (1991): Paul McGann is seduced by Sophie Ward (706807)
11.50 Mortal Passions (1990): A seductress receives her comeuppance (805217)
1.30am Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture (1990): Roy Scheider is hired to film a gangster's execution (848031)
3.20 Cool Blue (1988): Painter Woody Harrelson pursues his dream woman (7930654). Ends at **4.50**

SKY SPORTS
8.30am The Big League (821415) **9.00** Superbikes (34524) **10.00** The Boot Room (64104) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (44340) **12.00** Fishing the West (76475) **12.30pm** Sports Special (90119) **1.00** Sports Saturday (4654098) **6.00** British Motorsport (19678) **7.00** Bull Riders (24949) **8.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor (3098) **8.30** US PGA Golf (863272) **11.00** Muscle Night (65833) **12.00** Ringside (48418) **2.00-2.30** Fishing (29505)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (80388) **8.00** Motorsport (21611) **9.00** Motorcycling (81307) **9.30** Basketball (85611) **10.00** Ice Hockey (59272) **11.00** Boxing (79036) **12.00** Ice Hockey (30659) **2.00pm** Artistic Gymnastics (381388) **5.00** Rugby Sevens (82036) **7.00** Gymnastics (61017) **9.00** Golf: Roma Masters (30271) **10.00** Boxing (83036) **11.30-1.00am** Ice Hockey (38123)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12536272) **6.15** Button Moon (12531727) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (6080678) **7.00** Chocky's Children (3732678) **7.30** Owl TV (3711185) **8.00** Lassie (1150814) **8.30** Rentaghost (1159185) **9.00** The Raccoons (1173765) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (9588920) **10.00** Jem (6064630) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (1179949) **11.00** Film: The Beachcomber (1955) with Glynis Johns (6637494) **12.30pm** Film: I Know Where I'm Going (1947, b/w) with Wendy Hiller (95879475) **2.15** Bless This House (3628814) **2.45** EastEnders (11783104) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (4301162) **6.00** A Dorothy L Sayers Mystery (9574727) **7.00** Bless This House (7210920) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (9940689) **8.00** Bergerac (9526630) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (9548494) **10.00** Film: Code Name: Emerald (1985) with Ed Harris (9816104) **11.50** KYTV (4759543) **12.20am** Filthy, Rich and Catflap (2422673) **1.00-2.00** In Concert: Simple Minds (3301147)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (51727) **7.00** Storybreak (11611) **7.30** Kaboodle (30746) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (13920) **8.30** RatKen II (809369) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (23746) **12.00** Dungeons and Dragons (23307) **12.30pm** Bravestarr (34901) **1.00** Pugwall's Summer (39456) **2.00** Widebout (6104) **2.30** The Barkleys (6456) **3.00** The Guys Next Door (6693475) **3.35** Round the Twist (3395369) **4.00** Electric Stringvest (13369) **5.00** Film: Just Us (7456) **5.30** Fifteen (3712) **6.00-7.00** Fame (42920)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (5156388) **1.15** Kojak (5917499) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2646234) **2.40** BPM (2771708) **3.40** *The Little Picture Show* (7672948) **4.40-5.30** The Big E (1045055)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00-5.10** Border News (5156388) **1.15** Kojak (5917499) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2646234) **2.40** BPM (2771708) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (7672948) **4.40-5.30** *The Big E (1045055)*

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00** Central News (2499369) **5.05-5.10** The Central Match — Goals Extra (2481340) **1.15** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (40895) **1.45** Shannon's Deal (6371692) **2.40** America's Top Ten (1551532) **3.15** Film: The Tender Years (3642708) **4.40** Jobfinder (4100893) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6188499)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 European Champions League Special (97833) **3.10-4.05** Coronation Street (8415253) **5.00-5.05** Granada News (2499369) **1.15** Kojak (5917499) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2646234) **2.40** BPM (2771708) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (7672948) **4.40-5.30** The Big E (1045055)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News and Sport (5156388) **1.15** Kojak *(5917499)* **2.10** *Hollywood Report (2646234)* **2.40** BPM (2771708) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (7672948) **4.40-5.30** The Big E (1045055)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 5.00-5.10 HTV Wales News and Sport

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00** Meridian News (2499369) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2481340) **2.10** Film: Can a Guy Say No? (1336166) **3.00** Basketball (50147) **4.00** America's Top Ten (99741) **4.30-5.30** BPM (66296)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00-5.15** Tyne Tees Saturday (9763494) **1.15** Coach (40895) **1.45** The Law and Harry McGraw (2079418) **2.35** BPM (2772437) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (9323447) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (7109963)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (5156388) **1.15** Kojak (5917499) **2.10** Hollywood Report (2646234) **2.40** BPM (2771708) **3.40** The Little Picture Show (7672948) **4.40-5.30** The Big E (1045055)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Movies, Movies, Movies (97833) **5.00-5.15** Calendar News (9763494) **1.15** Coach (40895) **1.45** The Law and Harry McGraw (2079418) **2.35** BPM (2772437) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (9323447) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (7109963)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 Mr Men (4273727) **7.05** Kid 'n' Play (4964833) **7.35** King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (7189949) **8.00** Saved by the Bell (43524) **8.30** World Tennis (75123) **9.00** News (3551630) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (3357949) **10.00** Trans World Sport (97494) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia (77630) **12.00** Sign On (46611) **12.30** The Wonder Years (95475) **1.00** Film: Lady Godiva Rides Again (Pauline Stroud, John McCallum) (93851833) **2.45** Channel 4 Racing (71680678) **5.05** Brookside (9329123) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (292036) **6.35** Now You're Talking (114524) **7.00** News (992659) **7.20** Traed Oer (562307) **7.50** Yn Dy Ddwble (943776) **8.20** Tocyn Tymor (5727456) **9.30** Europe Express (75611) **10.00** Film: Hidden Agenda (3659) **12.00** Talking Heads (58296) **12.30** The Boomerang Kids (9225654) **1.15** Close

RTE 1
Starts: 12.15 The Real Ghostbusters (79208475) **12.40** Race to Save the Planet (9139123) **1.40** Adventures of Pinocchio (8545659) **2.35** News (5639123) **2.40** Little House on the Prairie (6207843) **3.30** Film: The Kid from Canada (9270920) **4.10** Film: Centennial Summer (78224678) **6.00** The Angelus (1952982) **6.01** News (1862630) **6.15** Mailbag (7800659) **6.40** Coach (1316630) **7.05** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8374272) **8.00** Calor Housewife of the Year (1151982) **9.00** News (3616494) **9.20** Kenny Live (11279524) **10.45** Reasonable Doubts (3162765) **11.40** News (1325524) **11.45** Film: The Keeper (6090746) **1.15** A Prayer at Bedtime (7987514) **1.20** Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.30 Children's Programmes **12.30** News (33960456) **12.34** Sports Stadium (57121562) **6.00** The Cosby Show (47030291) **6.30** Seachtain (60153369) **6.55** News (83875920) **7.00** Magnum (83268611) **8.00** News (89067727) **8.03** Lotto Draw (89067727) **8.05** Film: Voyage of the Damned (87412765) **10.55** First View (27910185) **11.25** Cineclub (86013833) **12.55** Close

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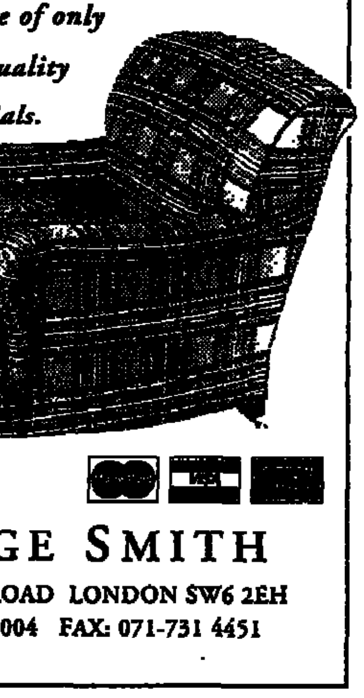

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** *Dave Lee Travis* **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** David Bowie Story (3/6) **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show **7.30** In Concert: Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells II* (r) **8.30** Buzzword: Anarchic panel game **9.00** Andy Kershaw: The Old Hat Dance Band and Ali Hasan Kuban in session **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the 1960s **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The News Huddlines (r) **2.00** Chris Stuart: Sounds of the 1950s **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Eve Pollard: See Choice **5.00** Cinema 2 with Chris Stuart **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show (3/6) **7.00** As Time Goes By: Contemporary singers perform classic songs (3/6) **7.30** Barry Manilow in Concert **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Chris Stuart (r) **1.00-4.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Noon**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... with Steve Johnson **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy: Western adventure with William Boyd **11.00** Go! Ross King's guest is the golfer Eamonn Darcy **12.00** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Football: Premier League; Rugby Union: World Cup sevens; Swalec Cup semi-finals; Racing from Newbury: Greenham Stakes **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** Six-O-Six with David Mellor **7.30** Airopop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out with Samantha Meah, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** *Worldbrief* **6.00** *World News* **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People And Politics **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News Summary **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.01** Breakfast of Champions **8.15** The Making of the Middle East **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Play of the Week: Man of the Moment **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Indians Abroad **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** CD Countdown with Paul Gambaccini **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Verdi's *Ernani*. With Leontyne Price and Carlo Bergonzi **10.00** Stir of the Best: Quiz with Quentin Howard **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Culture and Belief in Europe — Giorgi
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Bach (Keyboad Concerto in D, BWV 1054); J. Strauss, son (Wine, Women and Song); Brahms, orch Berio (Clarinet Sonata No 2): Emma Kirkby, soprano, sings songs written for Cecilia Arne, née Young. With the Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood; Prokofiev (Quintet in G minor, Op 39: Berlin Soloists); Mozart (Andante and Variations, K501: Louis Lortie and Hélène Mercier, piano duet); Rodrigo (*Concierto de Aranjuez*: Julian Bream, guitar; CBSO under Simon Rattle)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: Includes reviews of a record combining Beethoven's String Quartets, Op 74, Harp, and Op 95, Serioso; new releases of piano music. **10.35 Record Release**: Chopin (12 Etudes, Op 25: John Bingham, piano); Britten (Diversions: Leon Fleisher, piano left hand; Boston SO under Seiji Ozawa); Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52: Alexei Lyubimov, 1837 Erard piano); **11.49** Richard Osborne talks to Klaus Hiemann of DG's Hamburg recording centre about *Karajan Gold*; Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F: Berlin PO)
1.00pm News
1.05 Schubert's Piano Sonatas: The first of six recitals by Andras Schiff. Sonata in E minor, D566; Sonata in D, D840. **1.50** Andras Schiff talks to Misha Donat. **2.10** Sonata in A minor, D845
3.00 Leonard Bernstein: The first of ten programmes exploring Bernstein's legacy as a composer, conductor and pianist. Brahms (Tragic Overture: Vienna PO); Haydn (Symphony No 84 in E flat: New York PO); Mozart (Piano Quartet in G minor, K478: members of the Juilliard Quartet); Haydn (Agnus Dei, Harmoniemesse: Westminster Choir; New York PO); Brahms (Sapphische Ode, Op 94 No 4); Schumann (Symphony No 2 in C: New York Stadium SO)
5.00 Live from the Met: Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra and Chorus under James Levine perform Act 1 of *Götterdämmerung*, the final part of Wagner's *Ring* cycle. Sung in German. With Gwyneth Jones as Brünnhilde and William Johns as Siegfried. **7.05** Saturday Night in New York. Stephen Greco is Alan Brown's guide (r). **7.30** Act 2. **8.45** The Metropolitan Opera Quiz. **9.20** Act 3
10.50 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook chairs a discussion on current radio programmes. Including a new dramatisation of Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*, and *The Thin Blue Line*, a series of documentaries on the United Nations peace-keeping force
11.35 Impressions: George Haslam, *baritone saxophone/ tárogató*, in a series of duos with Howard Riley, piano, Paul Rutherford, trombone, and Liz Hodgson, vocal
12.30am News
12.35-3.00 Russian Orthodox Easter Vigil conducted by Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh. From All Saints Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens, London

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week: Simon Parkes considers family farms **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Eddie Mair with holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Conversation with Ned Sherrin, John Walters, Emma Freud *and Arthur Smith*
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Peter Riddell of *The Times*
11.30 Europhile, presented by Gordon Clough
12.00 Money Box, with Alison Mitchell
12.25pm *The News Quiz* with team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren. Barry Took poses the questions **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Halifax, West Yorkshire, by Ian Hay Davison, chairman of Storehouse; Alistair Graham, chairman of the Training and Development Lead Body; Dawn Primarolo, MP, Labour's health spokesperson; and Ann Widdecombe, MP, social security minister (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: The Active Citizen. Stuart MacQuarrie and Alison Peebles star in Michael Duke's political comedy. A mole may have gained access to an illegal organisation's safe house (r)
3.45 Stephen Pile Investigates the future at the Henley Centre for Forecasting (r)
4.00 News; Ice Cream to Eskimos: Marcus Leigh reports on the tricky accounts of three Birmingham advertising agencies
4.30 Science Now: Alun Lewis visits the fifth Edinburgh International Science Festival
5.00 The Living World: *Lionel* Kelleway and friends travel along the Montgomery Canal
5.25 Tee Junction: Patrick Hannan and guests take a sceptical look at the week's events **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (r)
6.50 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks *to a group of Highland* gamekeepers
7.20 Kaleidoscope: The Ballerina — A Swansong. Robert Dawson-Scott investigates
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Meeting Bea. See Choice
9.20 Music in Mind, presented by *Brian Kay*
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from Singleton Cricket Club, Chichester. Denise Coffey and *Bill Tidy join team captains Tim* Rice and Willie Rushton (r)
10.45 Rich Pickings: Work Colleagues. Derek Jacobi and Haydn Gwynne read poetry and prose about relationships
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Jeremy Barlow and George Weigand of the Broadside Band
11.30 Dracula: Episode two of Bram Stoker's epic vampire tale (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Eve Pollard. *Radio 2, 4.00pm.*
The *Sunday Express* editor can be in no doubt that she has "arrived" on radio since her chat-and-music series is named after her. But a spot of brushing up needs doing here and there as she demonstrates today when interviewing Glenys Kinnock and playing her favourite music. This Welsh-born wife cannot be forgiven for sounding unsure about who the patron saint of Wales is. Nor can Pollard for thinking it is *St Cecilia*. *Miss P* must also stop giving us shocks. We hear her say that Glenys and Neil Kinnock are great "sinners". There is an essential g missing.

Meeting Bea. *Radio 4, 7.50pm.*
Not so much the life of Beatrix Potter as a kaleidoscope of impressions from it, Eric Pringle's play concentrates on the years when she *turned* her back on Peter Rabbit and company and became a farmer and rural conservationist. Stephanie Cole plays her as a bit of a battle-axe. The second of Pringle's plays in his trilogy about Lakeland writers is definitely an improvement on the first, *The Voyage of the Swallow*, about Arthur Ransome.
Peter Davalle

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BBC1

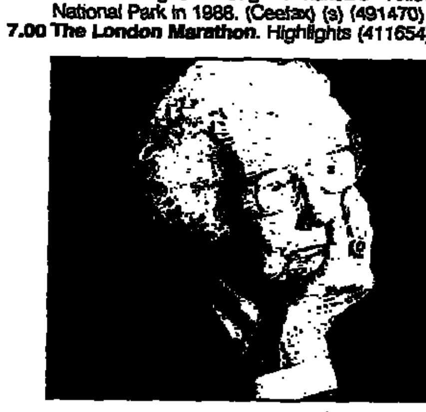
7.00 Ceefax (67811)
7.30 Opposites Attract (r) (s) (4219963) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r) (4206499) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (5690147)
8.15 Breakfast With Frost begins with **News** and weather followed by Sir David Frost interviewing some of the week's newsmakers (9432383)
8.50 The London NutraSweet Marathon. Live coverage of the 13th annual race from Greenwich Park to Westminster. The starting timetable is: **9.10** Elite women **9.20** Wheelchair men **9.21** Wheelchair women **9.30** Elite men followed by club and fun runners. The commentators are David Coleman, Brendan Foster, Paul Dickenson and Chris Hallam (s) (43721166)
11.50 Scarborough Fayre. Pam Rhodes joins a congregation of more than 2,000 in worship at the Spa Complex, Scarborough (6239437)
12.35 The London Marathon. A report on the progress of the club and fun runners (s) (4101708)
1.30 News (62973654) followed by **The Flintstones**. Cartoon series (18665741)
2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax) (s) (95418)
3.00 Film: Heroes of Telemark (1965) starring Kirk Douglas, Richard Harris, Michael Redgrave and Ulla Jacobsson. Middling second world war drama set in Norway, about a team of Resistance fighters on a mission to immobilise a heavy-water plant. Directed by Anthony Mann (45381091)
5.05 Clothes Show Classics. Highlights of the last series. (Ceefax) (5949645)
5.35 Masterchef. Three London hopefuls battle for a place in the semi-finals of the amateur cooks contest. Helping Loyd Grossman with the judging this week are Ned Sherrin and chef Hilary Brown. (Ceefax) (147465)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (802586)
6.25 Praise Be! Thora Hird introduces the first of a new series of popular hymns and visits Vale Farm in Suffolk, where Paul Heiney farms in the traditional manner. (Ceefax) (s) (302147)
7.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Compo is distraught when he thinks Smiler is taking advantage of being Nora Batty's lodger. Starring Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3012)

Patrick Malahide finds out whodunit (7.30pm)

7.30 The Alleyn Mysteries. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (90205073)
9.10 A Year in Provence. August finds the Mayles discovering the delights of French sports. (Ceefax) (s) (977470)
9.40 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (402876)
9.55 Mastermind introduced by Magnus Magnusson from Huddersfield. Specialist subjects for the first semi-final are P.D. James; the Napoleonic wars; the Cornish china clay industry from 1745; and the medieval castles of the British Isles, 1050-1500 (s) (140447)
10.25 Everyman: Alive 20 Years On. (Ceefax) See Choice (883505)
11.15 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales. *Romeo and Juliet*, narrated by Felicity Kendal (r). (Ceefax) (s) (662019)
11.40 Cats. Roger Tabor with the third of his five-part series on the domestic cat (r) (108654)
12.10am Weather (4656161)

BBC2

6.15 Open University
9.10 Children's BBC beginning with **Thundercats** (r) (3513470) **9.30 Johnny Briggs** (r) (2577147) **9.45 The Movie Game** (r) (3380550) **10.10 Rugrats** Cartoon series (s) (7897470)
10.35 Grange Hill. Episode three of the original nine-part school drama serial (r) (1818383) **11.00 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) (2390925) **11.25 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (s) (6599942) **11.50 The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine. The guests are Chesney Hawks and the Little Angels (s) (9102296)
12.00 Regional Parliamentary Programmes (46741). Northern Ireland: Dull Sa Duira 12.15 Start Your Own Religion; Wales: Between Ourselves
12.30 CountryFile presented by John Craven (97963) **12.58 Weather** (37914944)
1.00 Sunday Grandstand presented by Helen Rollason. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.05, 2.25, 3.35** and **4.55** Snooker: action from the second day of the Embassy world professional championship featuring John Parrott v Stephen O'Connor and Jimmy White v Joe Swail (s); **1.35, 2.40** and **3.55** Gymnastics: the world championship from the NEC, Birmingham (40440031)
5.10 Rugby Special. Highlights of the ADT county championship final between Yorkshire and Lancashire. Plus news of Heineken league action in Wales (s) (3677437)
6.10 Natural World: The Burning Question. A documentary about the consequences of the forest fire that raged through America's Yellowstone National Park in 1988. (Ceefax) (s) (491470)
7.00 The London Marathon. Highlights (411654)



Edwardian bride: Edith Smith reflects (7.40pm)

7.40 The Nineties. Five ninety-year-olds recall how they married virtual strangers because of Edwardian codes of conduct and, against the odds, found happiness. (Ceefax) (s) (822012)
8.20 Every Picture Tells a Story. The hardship and horror that was missing from *The Opening of the Belomor Canal*, a huge painting commissioned by Stalin but never shown in public. (Ceefax) (s) (705031)
9.00 Arena: Not a Bad Girl. See Choice (2052627). Wales: Haearn 9.50 Arena Special 11.05-12.45am Film: Peggy Sue Got Married
10.15 Film: Peggy Sue Got Married (1986). A fine performance by Kathleen Turner as a 43-year-old woman, on the verge of a divorce, who miraculously goes back in time to her senior year in high school and has to deal with her boyfriend and her future husband. Directed by Francis Coppola. (Ceefax) (182944)
11.55 World Snooker from Sheffield. John Parrott v Stephen O'Connor and Ronnie O'Sullivan v Alan McManus (s) (113234). Ends at **1.30am**

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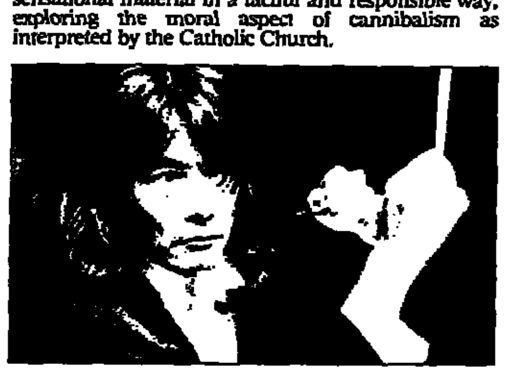
CHOICE

The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries
BBC1, 7.30pm

Agatha Christie having been all but exhausted, the small screen turns to another giant of the whodunit's golden age, Ngaio Marsh. Except that the detective is a policeman and not an amateur, the formula is not dissimilar. In tonight's story, *A Man Lay Dying*, we are in that familiar world of the weekend house party where one of the guests is murdered and all the rest are suspects. Languidly played by Patrick Malahide, Chief Inspector Alleyn is not the most flamboyant of sleuths and the other characters are little more than stereotypes, right down to the sinister foreigner and the fawning maids. The compensations are an intriguing plot, a starry cast and television's usual ability to evoke period, in this case the late 1940s.

Everyman: Alive 20 Years On
BBC1, 10.25pm

In October 1973 a plane carrying a Uruguayan rugby team, with their relatives and supporters, crashed in the Andes mountains. Only 16 out of the 45 people survived. No one came to rescue them and they were forced to live in sub-zero temperatures for ten weeks. After much agonising they decided that the only way to stay alive was to eat the flesh of their dead companions. Jill Fullerton-Smith's film reconstructs the story with the help of the survivors, who all live in Montevideo. The virtue of the programme lies in treating sensational material in a tactful and responsible way, exploring the moral aspect of cannibalism as interpreted by the Catholic Church.



Kent Nagano conducts the Hallé (ITV, 10.50pm)

Celebration: Mr Nagano's Band
ITV, 10.50pm

How the Hallé Orchestra reacted to Kent Nagano's shoulder-length hair is not recorded but for one veteran he is the most exciting thing since Barbirolli. Nagano is a dynamic Californian conductor with a reputation for rescuing orchestral fortunes. He has done it in Los Angeles and in France and hopes to do it in Manchester. The key to his policy is a relevant repertoire. In a warehouse in Barrow-in-Furness he treats the audience to John Adams's "El Dorado", a protest against the destruction of coastland. That Barrow is not far from Sellafield is not entirely coincidental. He slips pieces by Boulez, a composer little heard in Manchester, into a programme of Mozart. The Hallé lives in exciting times.

Arena: Not a Bad Girl
BBC2, 9.00pm

Brenda Fassie, we are told, is the most popular singer in the history of South African music. Her outrageous behaviour has earned her the title of the black Madonna. White journalists interview her and call their piece *In Bed With Brenda*. As with Madonna, it is difficult to tell whether Fassie is a shameless self-publicist or a clever manipulator of a gullible press. Either interpetation can be gleaned from Chris Austin's film. On the one hand she is praised for flouting convention in a sexist and racist country. But her critics say she is more interested in selling records than helping her fellow blacks. The only certain thing is that she is rarely out of the headlines, as sheaves of press cuttings demonstrate. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (91808505)
8.55 Disney Club presented by Andrea Boardman, Paul Hendy and Richard Orford. The guests include comic duo the Two Marks and Michael Bassett who meets a number of baboons in the African bush. Plus music from Edelweiss (15188215)
10.45 Link. Sian Vasey talks to the minister for the disabled, Nicholas Scott, about the government's plans to give disabled people legal protection against discrimination. (Teletext) (6459128)
11.00 Morning Worship. A Roman Catholic mass from the Church of the Holy Name, Fishguard (20692)
12.00 This Sunday. Topical religious stories examined by Jenni Murray and Paul Heiney (73895)
12.30 Crosstalk. Parliamentary programme presented by Peter Allen with MPs David Mellor and Tony Banks (91789)
1.00 News with Penny Marshall. Weather (93538692)
1.10 Coca-Cola Cup Final. Live from Wembley, Ian St John sets the scene for this afternoon's televised game between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday (17436302)
1.40 Rugby World Cup Sevens. Live coverage of the closing games from Murrayfield of the first official sevens world cup (37905234)
4.35 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (4399906) **4.40 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (7549429)
4.45 The Match: The Coca-Cola Cup Final. Ian St John introduces live coverage of the game at Wembley between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday. The commentator is Brian Moore with expert analysis from Kevin Keegan and Jack Charlton (45578079)
NB: If the match goes to extra time the following programme times will change
7.00 Beadle's About. A selection of pranks played by Jeremy Beadle on unsuspecting members of the public (s) (154857)

Partners: Niamh Cusack, Nick Berry (7.45pm)

7.45 Heartbeat. Return of the enjoyable drama series set in the 1960s about a former London policeman now working around the Yorkshire Moors and his doctor wife. Starring Nick Berry, Niamh Cusack and Derek Fowlds. (Teletext) (s) (278128)
8.45 Maigret. The last of the present series finds Georges Simenon's Parisian detective (Michael Gambon) investigating the murder of an elderly man in the house he shared with a 24-year-old woman. (Teletext) (s) (542215)
9.45 Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel is joined by Sting, Mary Tyler Moore and Brian Conley (s) (805037)
10.30 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (356050)
10.50 Celebration: Mr Nagano's Band (s). See Choice (860789)
11.50 Encounter: Falling Short. Homosexual priests speak out about their experiences of life and ministry in the Church of England (123963)
12.20 Rugby World Cup Sevens. Highlights (6228513)
1.20 Cue the Music. The Damned in concert at north London's Town and Country Club (5992180)
2.25 TXT. Music and celebrity chat show (5227529)
3.30 European League Snooker. Peter Ebdon v Ronnie O'Sullivan (18345)
5.30 ITN Morning News (88567). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport. Sporting features and news (r) (2319437)
6.55 Dennis. In today's animation, Dennis refuses to be left home alone (4508654)
7.05 The Wombles. Animated adventures on Wimbledon Common (r) (4232470) **7.10 Widget.** Outer space cartoon (s) (6839963) **7.35 Sharky and George.** Fishy animation (7137586) **8.05 Doug.** Doug's dog falls in love (8924302) **8.30 Strangers.** Concluding the New Zealand children's drama (s) (60321)
9.00 Tintin. Animated heroics from Tintin and Captain Haddock (51673) **9.30 Dennis.** More cartoon fun (r) (2562215)
9.45 Flipper. Part 2. Can Flipper contend with an alligator? (142944) **10.15 The Lone Ranger** (b/w). The masked hero helps a rancher (134925)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Science-fiction (r) (380302)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. Sentimental American family drama series (386586)
12.45 Film: Jesse James (1939). Glamourised Hollywood treatment of the life and times of the legendary train and bank robber. Tyrone Power plays Jesse, with Henry Fonda as his brother Frank. Directed by Henry King (577321)
2.45 Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne's team, Lazio, plays its arch rival, Roma. Live(27494596)
5.00 The Wreck of the Julie Plante. Animated musical poem (5114302)
5.10 News summary and weather (2471963)
5.15 High Interest: The Unravelling of Benetton. A report on the Italian-owned family firm which has expanded dramatically but has been criticised for its tasteless advertisements (1742147)
6.00 Moviewatch. Nottingham cinemagoers review *Sommersby*, starring Richard Gere and Jodie Foster, *Mr Saturday Night*, with Billy Crystal, and *Dust Devil* (s) (609)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy set in the early 1970s. (Teletext) (401)

Guns for Ivory: Mozambique factions (7.00pm)

7.00 Fragile Earth: Spoils of War. A look at the serious environmental consequences of the civil war in Mozambique. With war-lords adopting a "guns for ivory" strategy, some 50,000 elephants and 240,000 square acres of forest have been destroyed in order to keep the warring parties in arms. (Teletext) (s) (4079)
8.00 Movin' On. A behind-the-scenes documentary shows Paul McCartney at work on his latest album, *Off the Ground* (6429)
9.00 Film: Nuns on the Run (1990): Amiable farce starring Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane as criminals who are forced to disguise themselves as nuns. With Janet Suzman as a formidable sister superior. (Teletext) (s) (40769654)
10.45 Red Empire: Seven-part series on the history of the Soviet Union. This episode charts the days of the tsar, from his suppression of miners in Lena to his ultimate execution and the rise of the Bolsheviks. Presented by Dr Robert Conquest and narrated by Siân Phillips (r) (553321)
11.45 Film: Africa on Africa — Allah Tantou. Lyrical account of a man's political imprisonment in 1970 Guinea. Directed by David Achkar and based on the experiences of his father (461215). Ends at **12.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Shoot the Video (5888692) **1.20** Quiz Night (2729987) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9676074) **2.20** Film: Remember (6094345) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8034277) **4.45** America's Top Ten (14854180) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (2246161)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardener's Diary (5888692) **1.20** Quiz Night (2729987) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9676074) **2.20** Film: Remember (6094345) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8034277) **4.45** America's Top Ten (14854180) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Central Newsweek (5888692) **1.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (5992180) **2.15** Cue the Music (8307884) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (4992451) **4.15** Jobfinder (5721703) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6075971)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Chatte Chatte (8436012) **1.20** Quiz Night (2729987) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9676074) **2.20** Film: Remember (6094345) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8034277) **4.45** America's Top Ten (14854180) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 HTV Newsweek (91789) **1.20** Quiz Night (2729987) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9676074) **2.20** Film: Remember (6094345) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8034277) **4.45** America's Top Ten (14854180) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (2246161)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Soccer Sunday

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian This Week (4824383) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (14849857) **1.20am** ITV Chart Show (9658074) **2.20** Film: The Strange and Deadly Occurrence (Robert Stack, Vera Miles) (9649187) **3.40** Kojak (8038093) **4.35** Videofashion (14767600) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (66906)

SCOTTISH
As London except: 10.45 Wemyss Bay 902101 (5820963) **11.30** Link (4206857) **11.45** Sunday Service (6227692) **12.30-1.00** Encounter (5888692) **1.10-1.40** Scottish Questions (17436302) **11.50-12.20am** This Sunday (123963) **1.20** Out There (2729987) **1.50** Cue the Music (6345277) **2.45** Night Heat (9581987) **3.35** Kojak (7978971) **4.25** Jobfinder (7167987) **5.00-5.30** Scottish Questions (66906)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25 The Back Page (8445760) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (14849857) **1.20** Quiz Night (2737906) **1.55-5.00** Film: Ram Balram (93550109)

ULSTER
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Gardening Time (8436012) **10.50-11.50** RPM Motorsport (860789) **1.20** Quiz Night (2729987) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9676074) **2.20** Film: Remember (6094345) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8034277) **4.45-5.10** America's Top Ten (14854180)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Westwise (5888692) **1.20** Quiz Night (2729987) **1.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9676074) **2.20** Film: Remember (6094345) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8034277) **4.45** America's Top Ten (14854180) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (246161)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (8445760) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (14849857) **1.20** Quiz Night (2737906) **1.55-5.00** Film Ram Balram (93550109)

S4C
Starts: 7.05 The Wombles (4232470) **7.10** Widget (6839963) **7.35** Sharky and George (7137586) **8.05** Doug (8924302) **8.30** Strangers (60321) **9.00** Jeifin (51673) **9.30** Dennis (2562215) **9.45** Flipper (142944) **10.15** The Lone Ranger (134925) **10.45** Land of the Giants (380302) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (386586) **12.45** Siared Plaen (5881789) **1.10** Magic Roundabout (13838147) **1.15** Eerie, Indiana (428876) **1.45** Fragile Earth (672895) **2.45** Football Italia (27494596) **5.00** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (6586) **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (11958050) **7.15** Stall (434505) **7.55** Hel Straeon (458234) **8.25** Llygad Am Lygad (612857) **9.10** Newyddion (776953) **9.15** Saith Diwrnod Ar Y Sul (672586) **9.30** Snwcer (90645) **10.00** Film: The Chain (554012) **11.45** ENG (252031) **12.40** High Interest (5075884) **1.20** Close

RTE 1
Starts: 10.30 Japanese for Beginners (1407147) **11.00** Viaje Al Espanol (77928654) **11.15** Mass for Sunday (8001876) **12.00** The Birth of Europe (3036147) **1.00** Flash the Sheep Dog (3045895) **2.00** News (50157499) **2.05** Today's Gourmet (59147437) **2.35** Film: Hell Bent for Glory (99094586) **4.15** Film: Cluny Brown (92629418) **6.00** The Angelus (1929654) **6.01** Six-One Sunday (4364147) **6.30** Farrell (4355499) **7.00** Natural Causes (9656302) **7.30** Adventures of the Black Stallion (4344383) **8.00** Mr Bean in Room 426 (9665050) **8.30** Glenroe (9651857) **9.00** News (3685166) **9.20** Film: Norma Rae (68063470) **11.20** Guinness Cork Jazz (5339302) **11.55-12.05** News (7132873)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (99079) **7.00** Fun Factory (9899741) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (38760) **12.00** WWF Challenge (18470) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (34418) **2.00** Trapper John (28760) **3.00** Xposure (3031) **3.30** Fashion TV (9925) **4.00** UK Top 40 (28383) **5.00** All American Wrestling (4383) **6.00** The Simpsons (14654) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (77147) **8.00** I'll Take Manhattan: Third of a four-part mini series (57383) **10.00** Wiseguy (78418) **11.00** Hill Street Blues (58031) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (18692) **8.30** News and Business Report (712470) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (45505) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (99499) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (82321) **1.30** Target (83050) **2.30** Roving Report (19692) **3.30** The Lords (19963) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (5586) **5.00** Live at Five (89019) **6.30** Roving Report (94383) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (6215) **9.30** Target (90128) **10.30** Roving Report (10760) **11.30** ABC News (73741) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (17703) **1.30** ABC News (86616) **2.30** Target (68056) **3.30** ABC News (58631) **4.30** The National Gallery (14987) **5.30-6.00** *Beyond 2000* (19451)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (47302)
8.00 On a Clear Day You Can See Forever (1970): Musical starring Barbra Streisand and Yves Montand (15298692)
10.15 Talent for the Game (1991): Edward James Olmos discovers baseball pitcher Jeff Corbett (46156692)
12.00 Once Upon a Dead Man (1971): Pilot for *McMillan and Wife* starring Rock Hudson and Susan Saint James (32963)
2.00pm Survive the Savage Sea (1992): Robert Urich and Ali MacGraw are shipwrecked (50470)
4.00 Teen Agent (1991): Richard Grieco is mistaken for a spy (84383)
5.30 Xposure. Film news (6692)
6.00 Rocky V (1990): Sylvester Stallone trains boxer Tommy Morrison (70234)
8.00 Oscar (1991): Gangster Sylvester Stallone decides to go straight (82079)
10.00 Cobra (1986): Sylvester Stallone rescues Brigitte Nielsen from a gang of bikers (92654)
11.30 In the Line of Duty: Street Wars (1992): A police officer is shot during a raid on a crack factory (880505)
1.15am Lisa (1989): A girl inadvertently rings a serial killer (303587)
2.50 Blood Fight (1989): Martial arts drama starring Christine Lawson (541971)
4.25 Istanbul (1989): Timothy Bottoms plays a journalist whose daughter is kidnapped (7276513). Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.15pm Dames (1934, b/w): Variety entertainment with Joan Blondell (31105383)
6.00 Footlight Parade (1933, b/w): Musical starring James Cagney (54234)
8.00 Lawman (1971): Western starring Burt Lancaster and Robert Ryan (66079)
10.00 Django Strikes Again (1987): Franco Nero as the cult Mexican cowboy (76654). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am On Our Own: Four siblings travel from California to Arizona (45944)
8.00 September 30th 1955 (1978): Richard Thomas is driven insane by the death of his idol, James Dean (17654)
10.00 Smashing Time (1967): Rita Tushingham and Lynn Redgrave arrive in London during the swinging sixties (31321)
12.00 The Maid (1991): Martin Sheen works for Jacqueline Bisset (30505)
2.00pm Criminal Behaviour (1992): Farrah Fawcett defends a woman accused of handling stolen goods (58012)
4.00 Stockade (1990): Martin Sheen bails soldier Charlie Sheen (7857)
6.00 Shout (1991): Fifties musical romance starring James Walters, Heather Graham and John Travolta (78876)
8.00 Funny About Love (1990): The romantic misadventures of a cartoonist. Starring Gene Wilder (73321)
10.00 Rainbow Drive (1990): Peter Weller investigates a murder (730505)
11.40 That Magic Moment (1990): American *Graffiti*-style drama (859499)
1.25am Harbour Beat (1990): Australian police thriller (851818)
3.00 Homer and Eddie (1989): James Belushi and Whoopi Goldberg as travelling companions (861828). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing (72505) **7.00** Rugby League (21091) **9.00** Jack High (38470) **10.00** Goals on Sunday (91128) **11.00** Red Line (71532) **12.00** Bull Riders (33128) **1.00pm** Super Sunday Preview (46499) **2.30** Aston Villa v Manchester City (242876) **5.00** Netbusters (7876) **5.30** Snowboarding (6012) **6.00** Fishing the West (3925) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (7505) **7.00** The Big League (96873) **9.00** US PGA Golf (346429) **12.00-2.00am** Super Sunday (as 2.30pm) (53426)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (80012) **8.00** Motorcycling: Japanese Grand Prix (58895) **9.00** London Marathon (872166) **11.30** Motorcycling: Japanese Grand Prix (63470) **12.00** Cycling: Liege-Bastogne-Liege race (78789) **2.00pm** Gymnastics (465925) **5.00** Rotterdam Marathon (1079) **6.00** Golf: Roma Masters (57708) **7.00** Ice Hockey: United States v Czech Republic (979418) **9.30** World Cup Rugby Sevens (29925) **10.00** Indy Car Grand Prix (73857) **12.00-12.30am** World Cup Rugby Sevens (61838)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12503944) **6.15** Button Moon (12508499) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (6040050) **7.00** Chocky's Children (3792050) **7.30** Owl TV (3788857) **8.00** Lassie (1127586) **8.30** Rentaghost (1126857) **9.00** Dr Who: The Curse of Peladon (42227925) **10.50** Film: Green for Danger (1946, b/w) starring Alastair Sim (63637470) **12.30pm** Film: Quest for Love (1971) starring Tom Bell and Joan Collins (1474760) **2.00** Bless This House (7293876) **2.30** Sharon and Elsie (4790186) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (4219760) **5.30** Anne of Avonlea (9736895) **6.30** The District Nurse (9645037) **7.00** Sorry! (7267692) **7.30** Sharon and Elsie (7740401) **8.00** A Horseman Riding By (3595302) **9.00** Film: Winter Kills (1979) starring Jeff Bridges (1624050) **10.30** Film: Breathless (1983) starring Richard Gere (47148079) **12.20am** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (4187161) **12.55** Alas Smith and Jones (2473180) **1.25-2.00** Video Bites (5617635)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (55673) **7.00** The Berenstain Bears (48695) **7.30** Kaboodle (27302) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (53418) **8.30** RatKan II (909944) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (40614) **12.00** Dungeons and Dragons (56505) **12.30pm** Bravestarr (89321) **1.00** Okavango (84876) **2.00** Earthworks (6186) **2.30** The Barkleys (5166) **3.00** Chicken Minute (5673) **3.30** Round the Bend (7383) **4.00** The River Kings (24505) **5.00** Katts and Dog (7418) **5.30** Fifteen (6654) **6.00-7.00** Fame (64012)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Assignment 103 **6.55** Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Ravel (Boléro); Liszt (Les Préludes); Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor); Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défunte); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol); Beethoven (Symphony No 2 in D)
9.00 News 9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Kraus (Overture, Soliman II): Artist of the Week: Maria Callas, soprano, sings Saint-Saëns (Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix, Samson et Dalila); Strauss (Dance of the Seven Veils, Salome); Granados (The Maiden and the Nightingale): *Composer of the Week* preview: Respighi (Suite, The Birds); Puccini (Vissi d'arte, Tosca); Suk (Fantastic Scherzo, Op 25); Haydn (Symphony No 6 in D, Le Matin); Rachmaninov (Prelude in G, Op 32 No 5); Chopin (Mazurka in F minor, Op 7 No 3); Vivaldi, arr Driever (Flute Concerto in C, RV443); Berkeley (Serenade for strings); Purcell (Now the maids and the men: Dance of the Haymakers, The Fairy Queen); Fauré (Ballade in F sharp for piano and orchestra, Op 19); Rossini (Una voce poco fa, Il Barbiere di Siviglia); Elgar (Overture, In the South, Alassio)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Period Portrait. The flautist Lisa Beznosiuk talks to George Pratt about her career and introduces a selection of music **1.00pm News**
1.05 Table Talk: The Case of the Squid Ink Pasta. The crime-writer Joan Smith prepares black tagliolini
1.20 From the Proms 1992. St Petersburg Philharmonic under Yuri Temirkanov performs Berlioz (Overture, Le Corsaire); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor: Maxim Vengerov); Tchaikovsky (Manfred Symphony). Including at **2.00** Interval Reading (r)
3.10 Tokyo Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 76 No 4, Sunrise); Janáček (String Quartet No 2, Intimate Letters); Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 59 No 1, Razumovsky)
4.50 The Cann Twins: Claire and Antoinette Cann, pianos, play Saint-Saëns (Danse macabre); Brahms (Variations on a theme by Haydn, St Anthony Chorale); Debussy (Petite Suite); Gershwin, arr Grainger (Fantasia on Porgy and Bess) (r)
5.45 Gabriel Fauré: Suite, Pelléas et Mélisande; Requiem, Op 48 (Gilles Cachemaille, baritone; Lausanne Pro Arte Chorus; Suisse Romande Orchestra under Armin Jordan)
6.40 Tasti Spezzati: Christopher Stembridge, harpsichord, plays pieces by Frescobaldi and Carlo Gesualdo
7.30 Sunday Play: The School for Scandal (r). See Choice
9.50 Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Ivan Fischer performs Brahms, arr Fischer (Hungarian Dances Nos 2, 6 and 14); Bartók (Piano Concerto No 3: Andras Schiff); Mozart, arr Fischer (German Dances); Haydn (Symphony No 2 in B flat)
11.25 Music in Our Time: Gemini, with Mary Wiegold, soprano, performs Anthony Powers (Trio); John Hopkins (In the White Hour); William Mival (Lyric Pieces) **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from St Michael's Church, Cumnor, Oxford **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World (r) **7.40** Sunday **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Maggie Philbin appeals for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of Parentline **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Mansfield Road Baptist Church, Nottingham
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Louise Levene
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Jeremy Nicholas (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the chef Anton Edelmann
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the St Roberts Horticulture Society in Newcastle upon Tyne put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Sid Robertson and Fred Downham. Chairman Clay Jones
2.30 Classic Serial: La Bête Humaine. The final part of Emile Zola's classic thriller
3.30 Trumpets and Foie Gras: Robert Lang plays the socially adept cleric Sydney Smith in the second of four programmes by Roderick Graham (r)
4.00 News; The Thin Blue Line: James Naughtie reports on the United Nations peacekeeping force (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands: Books for Babies. Michael Rosen, Patricia Hodge and Jane Doonan review new books for children under four
5.00 News; A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides: Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan follow in the footsteps of Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell, in the second of six programmes they travel to Skye and Raasay (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 The Village: Nigel Farrell visits Bentley, Hampshire (r)
6.30 Europhile (r)
7.00 In Business: Arrivederci Roma. Peter Day examines the Italian economy (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Robert Ludlum about his latest novel, *The Scorpio Illusion* (r)
8.00 Punters, with Susan Marling
8.30 Reading Aloud: The Marsh Arabs, by Wilfred Thesiger, who recalls living in the southern marshes of Iraq during the 1950s. Read by David Holt
9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 Farewell, Fleet Street: See Choice
11.00 The Chef's Room: George Melly dines out in a Soho restaurant where Daniel Crow is in charge of the busy kitchen (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: To mark the Orthodox Easter, Bernard Jackson travels to Mount Athos overlooking the Aegean Sea, the spiritual centre of the Orthodox Church
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Farewell, Fleet Street. *Radio 4, 10.15pm.*
Unlike Hollywood, which is more a state of mind than a place, Fleet Street had a physical location, in London EC4. But its state of mind is important in David Wheeler's obituary/documentary. Otherwise, how can you explain the eruption of press barons who ruled the street and its environs until their temples were dismantled and re-erected in such unlikely reaches of the Thames as Wapping and the Isle of Dogs? And what a stupendous roll-call is here: Northcliffe and Rothermere, Beaverbrook, Thomson and Murdoch, and the hell-bent Maxwell. Next week, Wheeler dissects the editors.

The School for Scandal. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*
Is it the wittiest play in the English language? Did the clash of verbal foils ever send up so many sparks? Sheridan's comedy poses as many questions as it triumphantly answers. Certainly, this re-broadcast of Michael Fox's sparkling production has a cast that gives the impression of never having played anything but Sheridan. Heading it are Paul Eddington and Geraldine Alexander as the Teazles and John Moffatt as Sir Oliver. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline with Neale James **4.00** The UK Top 40 with Mark Goodier **7.00** The Official 1 FM Album Chart with Lynn Parsons **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00-7.00pm** The Vintage Years. Desmond Carrington with Radio 2 All-Time Greats, **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy; **4.00** Gems of Operetta; **4.30** Sing Something Simple (r); **5.00** Charlie Chester: In the Holy Land **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **8.30** Sunday Half Hour: Roger Royle introduces Sheffield's Celebration Choir who perform hymns by James Montgomery **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: The Secret Life of Danny Kaye **12.05am** John Terrett with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Goldfish — The Movie (final part) **10.00** Rugby World Cup Sevens; London marathon **1.00pm** Sunday Sport. Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday kicks-off at 5pm; Premier League: Aston Villa v Manchester City; Rugby Union: World Cup Sevens; rugby league, golf and snooker news **7.20** Open University: Maths Miscellany — An So On. Infinity. **7.40** Art Works — Dublin Special; **8.00** Musical Style; **8.20** The Loss of British Power; **8.40** Child Protection in Residential Care; **9.00** Open Forum; **9.20** Modern Literature — Home and Abroad; **9.40** Developing World **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Sunday Feature; Tips for Touristan **5.30** Short Story: No Time to Die **5.45** A Taste of Soul **6.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Printer's Devil **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** News **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Classics with Kay **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Short Story: No Time to Die **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sport **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** News **12.30pm** Play of the Week: Man of the Moment **2.00** News **3.01** Heritage **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Indians Abroad **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Short Story: No Time to Die **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** News **1.30** In Praise of God **2.01** Breakfast of Champions **2.15** The Making of the Middle East **2.45** World Bandstand **3.00** News **3.30** Composer of the Month: Kurt Weill **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Celebrity Choice with Paul Callan **1.00pm** Nicky Horne **3.00** Robert Booth **6.00** The 1893 Show with Robert Cowan **7.00** Authentic Performance with Mel Cooper **8.00** Classic FM Concert. Nash Ensemble performs Beethoven (Septet in E flat); Schubert (Octet in F) **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

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SWITCH ON TO DAVID FLUSFEDER'S IN-DEPTH GUIDE TO THE BEST OF NEXT WEEK'S VIEWING

Brotherhood of mountain men

It's all about man against nature on television in the coming week: survival by cannibalism in the Andes; the dizzy science and technology disaster speculations of *New Nightmares*, and one man and his doggish struggles in the interests of conservation. I found it hard to choose the week's funniest programme. In the end, I decided that it's either the Australian true-life soap *Sylvania Waters* or the bizarre ramblings of that purposeful countryman, Phil Drabble.

Everyman: Alive 20 Years On
Tomorrow, BBC1, 10.25pm
The story is a famous one. A plane carrying 37 people — the First XV of the Old Christians' rugby team of Montevideo, Uruguay, plus friends, relations and supporters — crashes in the Andes. Six people die in the crash. More die in an avalanche a week and a half later. And yet more die, through hunger or hypothermia or just through failure of spirit and nerve. Three months later, 16 survivors are rescued. How had they survived? Chocolate and lichen, they told the press, and the miraculous assistance of God.

They were greeted as heroes. But two days after their rescue, a Chilean newspaper carried a photograph of the crash site, showing in the foreground two human legs, half-eaten. The truth emerged, although the survivors had already told it privately to their doctors, families, and priests. The word *Cannibals!* blares around the world.

Twenty years on, well-heeled men wearing nice sweaters in tidy homes remember the struggle for survival, with all its desperation, guilt and banality. They tell us how the forbidden food was rationed, what it tasted like, and give us insight into the individual psychologies up against the weird horror of the occasion: "Why are we here in the middle of a mountain having to eat our dead friends if we were going to Chile to play rugby?" Interviews with the 16 survivors are intercut with the original news footage of their rescue (some in oddly religious postures with beatific expressions as they welcome their deliverance, others wandering dazedly, still in their rugby club blazers), and shots of the survivors in tubby middle-age playing rugby. One of them is about to stand for the presidency of Uruguay. Only two of them admit to problems after they returned to their interrupted lives.

They all live within a half-mile of each other in the same affluent district of Montevideo they were born into, and see each other often. Even though some have wildly different versions of the meanings of their ordeal and survival, they all feel part of a brotherhood.

They also live within a half-mile of the families of those who did not survive. Only one woman among these agreed to be interviewed. She admits no ill-feeling, but you wonder what the rest would say if they agreed to speak their minds.

How do you carry on life in the suburbs surrounded by the relatives of people you have eaten? One of the impressions you get is that the battle for survival didn't end when the 16 were rescued in the Andes.

Home and Away
Monday-Friday, ITV, 1.15pm and 5.10pm (local variations)
Sophie's skin condition isn't any better and she's still battling Mr Smithers over his sexual harassment. Blake gets a visit from his natural father and responds by running around a lot and then drooping, like a suddenly anaemic James Dean. Meanwhile, Blake's adoptive father, Alf, is preoccupied with keeping his funny little wig tight to his angry head. And Nick and Lou will be — interminably — talking marriage and trust.

I still rate *Home and Away* as the best soap, but it has shown an alarming tendency to spoil some of its virtues. There's always one extended storyline but the Nick-Lou saga has gone on far too long.

The point of the show, and of *Neighbours*, is its quick hit of story and resolution: a moral dilemma is presented, someone makes a decision, tragedy or triumph results. No messing. Need to resolve two stories quickly? Make them collide in a fatal car accident. The actress who plays Pippa, the emotional heart of the series, wants to leave? No problem. Just get a replacement, give her the same name, and within a couple of weeks no one will care (unlike in *Dallas*, when everyone did care that Miss Ellie had changed her appearance) or even remember that she used to look that bit different.

Naked Sport: Welcome to the Sewer
Monday, Channel 4, 9pm
It is hugely welcome to have a series that goes behind the polite myths of sporting action. This first one of six explores the sleazy-glamorous world of American heavyweight boxing in the build-up to two very different fights: Evander Holyfield's world championship defence in Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, against an over-the-hill Larry Holmes (who wears the word "Bum" on his training T-shirt); and an upstate New York bout between a young hopeful and a fat "stiff".

The Sewer is the name of the young hopeful's training gym, but the metaphor is obvious. The hopeful, Shannon Briggs, bobs around in a natty shirt and yellow dreadlocks and poses for photographs with a sadly elephantine Muhammad Ali, while his snaky manager, Mike Malone, looks for a suitable opponent to build up his protégé's 3-0 record. "I make no bones about it," he says. "We do plunder a few graveyards here and there; barely breathing corpses." And that's the time-honoured — or dishonoured — tradition.

It doesn't look much straighter up on the big-time, at the Holyfield fight. Bitter words are aired about the promoter Bob Arum and the Duva family (although Lou Duva, a squashed-faced Italian-American, who trains Holyfield, is one of the few who seem to love the sport).

The programme pays too little attention to the boxers, and its makers are far too much in love with their ability to compose beautiful images to the cello-happy accompaniment of Barrington Pheloung (who wrote the music for *Inspector Morse*) to convey adequately the sweaty, blood-soaked atmosphere of boxing.

Still, it gives enough space for the characters to talk — and these people are, if nothing else, great talkers.

Without Walls: New Nightmares: Nature Says No
Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm
We're now on apocalyptic territory. Scientists and science fiction writers sprinkle around theories of nature — as enemy, mother, betrayed friend or uncaring thing — and then sit happily back to see which doomsday scenario of ecological cataclysm or genetic mutation they find most pleasing.

The scientist Robert May is puzzled by the apparent hypocrisy that we care about dying furry animals but celebrate the destruction of viruses. James Lovelock, the deviser of the *Gaia hypothesis*, describes the earth as a single entity, "curiously like the ancient Greek goddess... She was kindly, feminine, nurturing and looked after everybody. But if you transgressed you were zapped, but good." The writer Michael Crichton, however, sees it as a ridiculous egotism to think that we have the capacity either to destroy the planet or to save it.

New Nightmares is a rare series. It has a style entirely appropriate to its content, and its content is full of ideas.

QED: Art and Chips
Wednesday, BBC1, 9.30pm
The British pop artist Richard Hamilton's most celebrated picture is "Just What Is It That Makes Today's Homes So Different, So Appealing?", a 1950s collage of contemporary archetypes — muscleman and porno girl, tinned food, movie images — in a domestic setting. Hamilton has now followed his early love of technology (the cat's whisker radio) to its logical conclusions and swapped the scissors and paste for a computer.

This programme follows the state-of-the-art techniques he uses to make a 1990s version of his 1950s picture. It is a fascinating look into the mind and methods of an artist chasing perfection, and who thinks he has found it in his electronic studio.

My Wilderness Reprieved
Thursday, BBC2, 8pm
There's a red-faced man going around the countryside, bothering people. Phil Drabble potters purposefully about, ticking children off for confusing red-breasted birds with red-bottomed birds, saving the Peak District from holiday walkers, shaking his head sorrowfully at Alton Towers.

There are two reasons for watching this series. The first is to recognise Drabble's efforts against despoilers, polluters and politicians. The second is to attempt to uncover the man's hidden political agenda. As far as I can tell, he wants to build a world inhabited by badgers ("marvellously clean animals") and village butchers. The enemy is anyone who isn't a threatened life form. "Big business will scrape anything for their shekels, and bats are a case in point," he drabbles, disturbingly.

Sylvania Waters
Thursday, BBC1, 9.35pm
Soapy opening titles (reminiscent of *Eldorado* or *Brookside*) featuring shots of the Sydney suburb of the title, then the camera slowly pulls in on the interior of a riverside home. Noeline and Laurie are in the kitchen; she's manically wiping down surfaces, he's reading a car magazine at the breakfast counter. They're both in shorts, it's a hot day, and they're having an argument. "For God's sake," Noeline shouts, and these are the first words we hear, "of course he can have a bloody birthday party!"

The tone is immediately established and we are immediately gripped. This isn't soap, or rather it is, but it doesn't require actors or an expensive set, because this is the Real People sub-genre of soap opera, the fly-on-the-wall family saga interspersed with addresses to the camera — that winning formula which executive producer Paul Watson first brewed up in *The Family in the early 1970s*.

This first episode introduces you to the members of the family: Mick, who loves cars; Michael, the birthday boy, who would love to get away; Paul, who loves surfing, animals, and his pregnant girlfriend Dione (perhaps in that order) and resents his stepfather, Laurie; Noeline, who loves her money and occasionally worries she's an alcoholic; and Laurie ("overweight, high blood pressure, a drunk"). Few of them are embarrassed by the presence of the camera. Most welcome it, as confidante, therapist, witness.

This episode also shows you the battlegrounds — money, cars, marriage, oedipal rivalries — that the Baker-Donaher family is going to be fighting over for the next few weeks.

One man and his dogma: countryside defender Phil Drabble (Thursday, BBC2, 8pm)

BEST FILMS

TODAY
Diamonds Are Forever 1971, GB, (ITV, 5.20pm).
Hidden Agenda, 1990, GB (Channel 4, 10pm).
The City of the Dead, 1960, US (BBC1, 11.40pm).
TOMORROW
Jesse James, 1939, US (Channel 4, 12.45pm).
Peggy Sue Got Married 1986, US (BBC2, 10.15pm).
TUESDAY
The Young in Heart 1938, (BBC2, 9am).
WEDNESDAY
A Midsummer Night's Dream, 1935, US, (Channel 4, 9.30am).
THURSDAY
Robin and the Seven Hoods, 1964, US (BBC1 1.35pm)

BEST SPORT

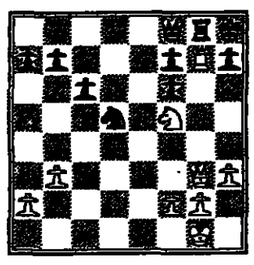
TOMORROW
London Marathon (BBC1, 8.50am).
Rugby World Cup Sevens (ITV, 1.40pm).
Coca-Cola Cup Final (ITV, 4.45pm).
WEDNESDAY
European Champions League: CSKA Moscow v Glasgow Rangers (ITV, 7.20pm).

BEST WORLD

The Second Heimat (today, BBC2, 9.35pm).

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 ...Nf3. The winners are: J.T. Vivian-Griffiths, Monmouth; P.R. Sanders, Edinburgh; H.G. Apsimon, Frimley.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

KISSAR
a. The mouth or face
b. A bowl lyre
c. A Russian village elder

PUKU
a. The belly
b. The Australian wood dove
c. Semolina unleavened bread

COCCINELLA
a. Bullfighter's scarlet cape
b. A lady-bird
c. The Italian Santa Claus

TAMEIN
a. A steward or valet
b. Philanthropy, charity
c. The Burmese sari

Answers on page 13

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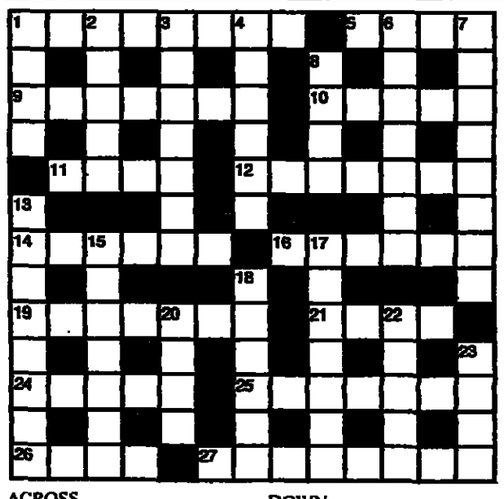

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5 Chinese nurse (4)
9 Found in water (7)
10 Muslim women's quarters (5)
11 In this place (4)
12 Naturally produced (7)
14 Thomas Hardy area (6)
16 Allowed to live (6)
19 Name substitute (7)
21 Hop-drying kiln (4)
24 First pope (5)
25 Rugby throw in (4,3)
26 Parent's sister (4)
27 Unskilled (8)

DOWN
1 Pile (4)
2 Red face powder (5)
3 Road lane reflector (7)
4 Calculate (6)
6 Seafarer (7)
7 Man-killing (8)
8 Violent criminal (4)
13 Fragrant climber (5,3)
15 Cambs. cheese (7)
17 Ashes bird (7)
18 Taken unlawfully (6)
20 Angel instrument (4)
22 14lbs (5)
23 Printer's "let it stand" (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3073

ACROSS: 1 Incisive 7 Talon 8 Just cause 9 Bad 10 Read 11 Storey 13 Discus 14 Office 19 One off 20 Spot 21 Hug 23 Lie hidden 24 Rival 25 Pharisee

DOWN: 1 Injured 2 Casuals 3 Sack 4 Vaults 5 Fly-by 6 Snide 7 Tear off 12 Cure-all 15 Impedes 16 Entente 17 Afresh 18 Charm 19 Ogive 22 Liar

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A cuckoo in the human zoo

Few things are sacred to Mark Thomas, and most of those are funny

MARK Thomas, poet laureate of vitriol, wore a Julian Cope "Jehovahkill" T-shirt on Channel 4's *Saturday Zoo*. One of the many, many pages of complaints the next morning asked why Mr Thomas always felt it necessary to "poke fun at Christians? You wouldn't taunt Jews like that, would you?"

"Dear, dear," Mr Thomas says, stirring his coffee and politely wafting away my Silk Cut fumes. "Sometimes, it feels as if these people have just woken up after a thousand-year sleep, and their brains have withered away. I want to walk up to them and shout: 'Excuse me, just one word. Jehovah. That's a little bit Jewish, isn't it?' I'm trying to offend everybody, not just Christians. Christians are too easy. I'd rather go for someone who was harder to bait — such as a Buddhist. That would be a challenge."

Recently, Mr Thomas's progress has resembled that of a skylark on speed. Once the part-time fifth member of *The Mary Whitehouse Experience* when it was still on Radio 1 — sandwiched between a weekly exclusive interview with Cher and every headbanger's favourite, Just Rockin' Around — he left because "I'm an egoist and, well, so is every comedian. Apart from Benny Hill: he's just dead." Mr Thomas reeled around the comedy circuit, getting "bitter and twisted. No, clearer, I think, about what I wanted to attack." He sees "attack" as a comedian's role.

Rot from within: Mark Thomas, "poet laureate of vitriol"

"Comedy is the rot from within. If you want to bring the system down from outside, you form a political party, hold rallies and start writing manifestos. If you want to corrode things from within, you pillory, you skewer. You slash at reputations with that scalpel of, um, wit."

Janet Street-Porter has a theory that comedy is the new rock'n'roll. If so, Rob Newman is Morrissey, Denis Leary is Axl Rose, and Mark Thomas is Sinead O'Connor. If there had been a laugh in it, Mr Thomas would have ripped up a picture of the Pope on *Saturday Zoo*.

"I mean it," he says. "That's the difference between me and other circuit-crawlers: I mean it." His road to provoking millions started at school. "I felt lonely; it was just me and my mate against the whole world."

The turning point came when the school put on an end of term play — "and I organised a re-enactment of the Goons' *The Phantom Batter-Pudding-Hurler of Bexhill-on-Sea* to thunderous applause. My mate's dad used to tape Goon shows for us, and bring them into school. Spike Milligan and Tommy Trinder were my heroes."

While Mr Thomas was at school, he invented stand-up comedy. "It was a very enclosed atmosphere there; we didn't really know about theatre or music or comedy. And I wrote these stand-up routines but I didn't know that was what they were. I called them my 'rants'. And I would go round to people who owned pubs, asking them if I could do my 'rants' while people were at the bar. And they would say no."

So he became a builder, working on a building site by day, and hammering the comedy circuit by night. "It's the difference between bands who've had their guitars bought for them by mummy, and bands who've spent all week sweeping up cigarette ends in dirty streets."

A typical Thomas routine will cover politics — "the cabinet, at the moment, consists of people who are distracted by bright moving lights and fluffy toys"; sexuality; abortion — "My mum was a midwife, and I asked her 'At what stage when the sperm meets the egg does it constitute human life?' And she said: 'When you can claim child benefit for it' "; and sideswipes at the merrytocracy that is Establishment comedy.

"Some people may find me offensive; I really can't see why," he grins.

But is being offensive useful in any way? "I got into comedy because I wanted to be liked," he says, frankly. "For someone to like you because of what you say means they're relating to it on some level — either they didn't have the courage to say it themselves, or I've crystallised some vague feeling of unease they had themselves.

"You're only going to be offended by something I say if the basis of your beliefs is shaky and you feel the need to defend it.

"And hell, if your beliefs can be brought down by an ex-bricklayer spouting his mouth off in the Comedy Store, they probably weren't that wonderful anyway."

CAITLIN MORAN

● *Mark Thomas will host one of Channel 4's new series, Viva Cabaret, next month. If there's any justice in the world, he will have his own series, simply titled Outrage, by the new year.*

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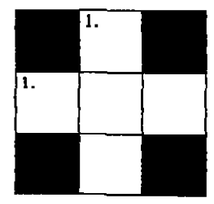

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